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PREFACE

In the words of *Montaigne*, "I have gathered a posie of other men's flowers, and nothing but the thread that binds them is mine own."

As a tribute of love it is dedicated to the Comrades and many friends of Edward W. Kinsley Post, No. 113.

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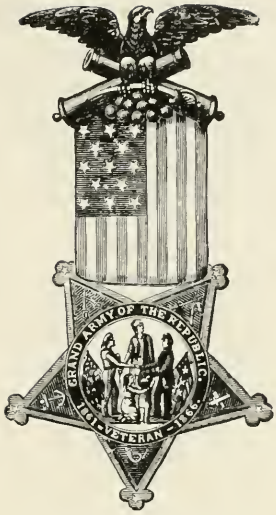

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"And first of ye occasion and indusements thereunto; the which that I may truly unfold, I must begin at ye very roote and rise of ye same. The which I shall endevor to manefest in a plaine stile, with singuler regard unto ye simple truth in all things, at least as near as my slender judgmente can attaine the same." — *Bradford's History "Of Plimouth Plantation."*

CHAPTER I

The Grand Army of the Republic. Its Origin and Growth. Major Stephenson and Chaplain Rutledge. Objects and Aims. Eligibility to Membership.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

THE Grand Army of the Republic is a voluntary association of men who served in the army or navy of the United States between the years 1861 and 1865, during the Civil War, and were honorably discharged therefrom.

Its organization consists of a central or supreme body, denominated the National Encampment, composed of delegates chosen from each State or Territory of the Union by a Department Encampment consisting of delegates elected by the individual Posts acting under charters issued by such Department organizations. The National Encampment and the several Departments and Posts choose suitable executive officers annually.

The government of the organization is modelled after the existing political governments of the United States, *i.e.* the National and Department bodies being representative in character, while the several Posts conform to the democratic town government. The first Post in Massachusetts was Post No. 1 of New Bedford, chartered October 4, 1866. The permanent Department of Massachusetts was organized at New Bedford, May 7, 1867. Major Austin S. Cushman, Department Commander. The first parade of the Order was held in Boston in the fall of 1867, upon the occasion of the visit of General Philip H. Sheridan.

As a fitting introduction to the subject we are to consider, a brief sketch of the parent body is subjoined.

ORIGIN OF THE GRAND ARMY

As early as February, 1864, it is said the idea of a grand association of Veterans was conceived by Major Benjamin F. Stephen-

son, Surgeon, and Rev. W. J. Rutledge, Chaplain, two officers of the 14th Illinois Infantry, while in the United States Service, and to them is generally and probably truthfully ascribed the credit of being the real founders of the Grand Army of the Republic. After they were mustered out of service the subject was ever in their minds; they corresponded upon the matter extensively until March, 1866, when a conference between fourteen Union volunteer ex-officers was held in Springfield, Illinois, which resulted in the formation of the Order.

The first Grand Army Post was organized April 6, 1866, at Decatur, Illinois, by virtue of a charter issued by Major Benjamin F. Stephenson, as Department Commander, with a membership of twelve Veterans, M. F. Kanan, Post Commander, and was assigned the *Post of Honor* as "Decatur Encampment No. 1," from which beginning has grown the grandest Order of Veterans the world has ever known.

At first there was a prejudice in the public mind against a secret order having, as was feared, a political object in view, and it was some time before the feeling of antagonism was overcome.

The Order, by its rules, early and wisely abolished all discussion of a political nature. The Grand Army as we have known it and as its constitution and declaration of principles now state, is non-partisan in politics, and unsectarian in religion.

After its true aims and purposes had become better understood, its growth until the year 1868 was almost magical. It had then reached a membership throughout the country of 240,000, but a day of trial was yet to come. The blighting effects of internal dissension, caused chiefly by inherent defects in its organization and the ambitions of factions, all too quickly sapped its lifeblood, and a rapid decline set in which, within three years, reduced the total membership to about 30,000. In 1871 Comrade Stephenson, whose life was wrapped up in the organization, passed beyond, without seeing the fruition of his hopes and labors.

In many States, Departments disbanded, and everywhere large numbers of Posts surrendered their charters; even in Illinois the Department maintained only a nominal existence, and there was hardly a Post in active operation. In the East,

the number of Posts was much decreased, and it was a hard task to keep up any considerable interest, with the meagre attendance at the weekly meetings. There were few additions to the Grand Army for the next seven years throughout the country. From 1871 to 1878 there was only a gain of 992 members; the total roll in the latter year was only 31,016 members. But, in the meantime, a reorganization had been effected, and the early mistakes had been corrected; soon the Order sprang into new life, extending into every State and Territory of the Union, and has since continued to grow in strength and influence, save as its ranks have been depleted by the remorseless hand of time, and dear Comrades have been transferred to that country from whence none in mortal body return.

High-water mark was reached in 1890, when the total membership was 409,489, of which Massachusetts had 22,000. Since that time the number has gradually decreased.

"OBJECTS

"The objects to be accomplished by the Grand Army of the Republic are as follows: —

"1. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead.

"2. To assist such former comrades in arms as need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen.

"3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws, and to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty, incites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights, and justice to all men.

"ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP

"Soldiers and sailors of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service, who served between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, and of such State regiments as were called into active service and subject to the orders of United States general officers, between the dates mentioned, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States."

"Come, dear old comrade, you and I
Will steal an hour from days gone by."

CHAPTER II

Eighteen Hundred Sixty-nine

The Origin of Post No. 113. Comrades Denny and Attwood. The Post Charter. Preliminary Organization. Post Name. An Unknown Friend.

THE ORIGIN OF POST NO. 113

EARLY in the year 1869 the Grand Army organization seemed a growing power in the United States; over one hundred Posts had been chartered in Massachusetts. It appeared to be an auspicious time to launch a new Post; upon the surface there was little indication of any approaching storm. To Comrades J. Waldo Denny and Cornelius G. Attwood, who both served in the 25th Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry during the War and were close friends, undoubtedly belongs the honor of originating the idea of forming Post No.113.

Comrade Denny was mustered as the 8th member of William Logan Rodman Post No. 1, of New Bedford. Comrade Attwood was mustered in George H. Ward Post No. 10, of Worcester. The two, afterwards residing in Boston, consulted together and organized John A. Andrew Post No. 15, of Boston, in 1866. Both subsequently served as Commander of that Post. In 1869 the membership of Post No. 15 had increased so much that it was thought to be unwieldy; it was then that the same two Comrades again consulted together and conceived the idea of organizing another new Post in Boston. After several informal conferences with a few Comrades they succeeded in enlisting the aid of about fifteen Comrades, who met by appointment in the vestry of the old Pine Street Church, November 22, 1869; the subject was thoroughly canvassed, and it was decided to apply for a charter. The petition was duly signed by the requisite number and the charter was soon after granted.

Comrades Denny and Attwood, on account of their activity in forming Post No. 15, preferred not to have their names appear as charter members of the new Post, and therefore were omitted.

COPY OF POST CHARTER

"GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

"To all whom these presents may come:

"KNOW ye that reposing full trust and confidence in the fidelity and patriotism of Comrades Louis N. Tucker, Peter J. Rooney, Augustine Sanderson, Louis A. Lauriat, William C. Roberts, Augustus N. Sampson, Thomas H. Gwinn, William Emerson, Charles E. Mudge, and Charles S. Seagraves, I do hereby in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, constitute them and their associates and successors a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be known as Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, Department of Massachusetts.

"And I authorize and empower them to perform all acts necessary to conduct said organization, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Dated at the Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boston, on the second day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of our Independence the NINETY-THIRD.

"FRANCIS A. OSBORNE,
"*Department Commander.*

"THOMAS SHERWIN,
"*Assistant Adjutant-General.*"

[Seal of Department.]

PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATION

Post No. 113, G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts, was organized in the officers' room of the 7th Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., at Boston, on Thursday evening, December 2, 1869, by Assistant Department Inspector General Orson Moulton. The following charter members were present: Comrades Louis N. Tucker, Augustine Sanderson, William C. Roberts, Thomas H. Gwinn, Charles E. Mudge, Louis A. Lauriat, Augustus N. Sampson, William Emerson and Charles S. Seagraves.

After the meeting had been called to order Comrades William Cook, J. Waldo Denny, Wilmon W. Blackmar, Cornelius G. Attwood, George A. Sawin and Orson Moulton were elected members by transfer from Post No. 15.

The preliminary organization was then effected by the choice of Comrades Wilmon W. Blackmar as Commander, Augustus N. Sampson as Adjutant and Charles E. Mudge as Quartermaster. The Commander appointed the following committees:

Examining Committee, Comrades Thomas H. Gwinn, Charles E. Mudge, Louis N. Tucker, Peter J. Rooney and William Cook; Committee on By-Laws, Comrades J. Waldo Denny, Augustus N. Sampson, Charles S. Seagraves and Commander; Committee on Hall, Comrades Peter J. Rooney and Charles E. Mudge. The Committee on By-Laws was afterwards directed to consider the "subject of a suitable name for the Encampment." The thanks of the Post were tendered to Colonel Harrington for the use of the room and the first meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Adjutant.

The second meeting was held December 9, 1869, at which the only business transacted was the adopting of suitable resolutions upon the death of Comrade Thomas H. Gwinn, a charter member, who had passed away during the first week. This was the first break in the ranks of the Post membership.

At the third meeting, held December 23, 1869, a nominating committee was appointed to select a full board of officers for the ensuing six months.

Silas Sanborn, Jr., of Thomas G. Stevenson Post No. 26, was the first Comrade admitted to membership after the preliminary organization, and was followed by five members from John A. Andrew Post No. 15. The first "Recruit" received was C. C. Bumpus.

The following rates were adopted: Comrades coming by transfer, $3.00; recruits, $5.00; dues, $1.00 per month, "payable at the Quartermaster's desk at the last meeting in every month, without bills."

POST NAME

As we have seen, one of the matters considered at the first meeting was the subject of selecting a suitable name for the new Post. The committee appointed considered several names; among others, the names of Governor Alexander H. Rice and Edward W. Kinsley, the latter a civilian gentleman, without official rank, the friend and trusted confidant of our "War Governor," John A. Andrew.

Post No. 15 had already adopted the name of Governor Andrew, and this might have suggested his friend, whose services during the war were important and most honorable, and which had never been fittingly recognized.

Comrades Denny and Attwood of the committee, both warm personal friends of Mr. Kinsley, who during the war knew of his close touch with President Lincoln, the Secretary of War and many members of Congress, and who believed that his name would be honorable to the Post and a deserved compliment to one who had performed heroic duty to his country in its extremity, and to those engaged in defending "Old Glory" when it needed defenders, spent several evenings with him at his residence and informed him of their wishes. He very strongly objected; his special reason offered was that in his mercantile business he might be forced to do some act that would bring discredit upon his name. They endeavored to meet his objections by informing him that they knew him so well that they and the Post would accept all risks of that character; and at last, after a discussion extending into the small hours, he gave them permission to use his name under a quasi-condition, that "if there should be no objection and the Post was willing to assume the risk that he might do some wicked thing which would make them ashamed of him, he would consider what answer to return." His name was proposed at the next meeting of the Post and unanimously favored. The Commander and Comrades Attwood and Tucker were appointed a special committee to inform Mr. Kinsley of the action of the Post. Mr. Kinsley's consent was granted, and at a subsequent meeting his name was unanimously adopted as the name of the Post.

In recognition of the great honor thus done, as Mr. Kinsley deemed it, he presented the Post with a fine portrait of himself, handsomely framed. Upon its reception a vote of thanks was passed, and in the letter of acknowledgment were these words:—

"In choosing your name as the name of our Post we intended to honorably recognize the services of the loyal citizens of our Republic, who, while we did service in the field, worked with a will for us and ours, and the common cause for which we fought and prayed, made the victory at the front bear fruit at the rear, and made it possible for us to continue the struggle through the dark days before Gettysburg, Vicksburg, and Five Forks gave us the light of victory."

AN UNKNOWN FRIEND

At this period the Post was surprised to receive from a friend, whose name was not given, a magnificently bound copy of the

Holy Bible in which a mark had been placed at the 86th Psalm. This gift was accepted and it was voted that the deaths of all Comrades of the Post should be duly recorded therein.

The Chaplain was then escorted to his desk and read aloud the whole of the Psalm; since which time it has been considered appropriate that the book should be opened at this Psalm whenever placed upon the Altar at Post meetings.

WILMON W. BLACKMAR
Post Commander, 1870 and 1875
Commander-in-Chief, 1904-1905

"Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

CHAPTER III

Eighteen Hundred Seventy — First Half

Permanent Organization. A Cavalry Leader. Public Installation. Headquarters. Membership. Post Equipment. Ceremonies. A Veterans' Club. Finances. Early Activities. Soldiers' Aid Fund. Employment Bureau. First Decorative Service. First Celebration of Memorial Day by Post No. 113. Donations. Excursion to Lowell Island.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

At the meeting held December 30, 1869, the Nominating Committee presented its report and the following Comrades were nominated and unanimously elected by ballot for the first six months: —

Post Commander	Wilmon W. Blackmar.
Senior Vice-Commander	Louis N. Tucker.
Junior Vice-Commander	Solomon Hovey, Jr.
Adjutant	Augustus N. Sampson.
Quartermaster	Lowell B. Hiscock.
Chaplain	J. Waldo Denny.
Officer of the Day	Charles E. Mudge.
Officer of the Guard	Peter J. Rooney.
Sergeant Major	R. E. O'Brien.
Quartermaster Sergeant	J. H. Stevens.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION

The account of the first installation of officers is so well stated in the Post records of the time that it is given entire: —

"Headquarters, E. W. Kinsley Encampment, Post No. 113, G. A. R., Boston, Jan. 10, 1870.

"*Public Installation of Officers*

"Services conducted by Past Commander Attwood, assisted by Comrades Moulton as Adjutant and Hollis as Officer of the Day.

"The room was crowded with the friends of Comrades, and the Post was honored by the presence of Gov. Claflin, Lieut. Gov. Tucker,

E. W. Kinsley, A. C. Baldwin, and Hon. Thomas Russell, Collector of the Port of Boston. After the services were concluded the Commander delivered his inaugural, which was listened to with marked attention. At the close the company adjourned to the Hall of the Teachers Institute, where a fine collation had been prepared. The evening was enjoyed by all present, who wished the Post success.

"AUG. N. SAMPSON,
"*Adjutant.*

"Approved Jan. 17, 1870."

The standing Post Committees were as follows:—

ENTERTAINMENT

J. EDWARD HOLLIS.
L. B. HISCOCK.
CHARLES DODD.
C. E. NIEBUHR.
JOHN H. DEE.
GEORGE E. HENRY.

EXAMINING

F. R. SHATTUCK.
ALBERT W. HERSEY.
C. W. WILSON.

FINANCE

L. B. HISCOCK.
AUGUSTINE SANDERSON.
W. WASHBURN, JR.
H. S. PERKINS.

AUDITING

CHARLES S. SEAGRAVES.
M. B. LAKEMAN.
SILAS SANBORN, JR.

FIRST HEADQUARTERS

The organization was completed by the adoption of a full code of By-Laws, and headquarters were established at No. 4 Selwyn Building, 366 Washington Street (old number) at a rental of $800 per annum, and *Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113* took its place among the other Grand Army organizations of the city, and entered actively upon the duties and responsibilities devolving upon it.

MEMBERSHIP

The early membership of the Post was composed of men of intelligence, independence, and activity — in fact, the flower of the Grand Army.

They were persons having many similar tastes and tendencies and seemingly likely to be congenial company. The idea originally was to unite a sufficient number of such Veterans to

make an effective organization, but not so large as to be unsocial or inclined to develop cliques and inharmony.

By a happy thought the limit of membership was fixed at 113, and so continued for the first twenty years with good results and to general acceptance. The membership has never much exceeded the original limit fixed, so that the fundamental idea has been preserved. What this "Little Boston Post" has done is a sufficient answer to all criticisms as to alleged exclusiveness.

The Post meetings were at first well attended, and there was never lack of initiative. The business was conducted with promptness and despatch; the debates were animated and sharp, possibly sometimes parliamentary personal.

As illustrating the business promptness which prevailed, the following extract from the records is given: "On account of an unavoidable detention the Adjutant was necessarily tardy something like three or four minutes, hence the omission of reading report of last regular meeting."

POST EQUIPMENT

As to paraphernalia, it was somewhat scant in quantity, and what would now be considered rather rude in quality. To illustrate: the first altar used consisted of an old round sheet-iron stove with a flat top, over which was artistically draped a dilapidated United States Flag; on this was placed the Holy Bible which had been presented to the Post. The meeting room was further adorned by a plain round-top table, placed near the center, upon which were irregularly strewn papers, games, pipes and a large bowl filled with an excellent quality of tobacco. Ordinary chairs, a few pictures and a "Beautifully Plumed Stuffed Bald Eagle," presented by Quartermaster Hiscock, and the admiration of all beholders, resting on a high shelf.

CEREMONIES

The æsthetic feelings of those who admire and wish to see the ritualistic work of the Order fully exemplified will doubtless be shocked at the unconventional system adopted and continued by Post No. 113 for some years. Yet it must be remembered that 1870 was near the War, and the "boys" were slow

in taking much extra trouble simply to carry out a mere formal ceremony; with one accord they insisted that they had done all the marching round they intended to do, and as to carrying a musket they emphatically declared in fine army phraseology that "they'd be damned if they would." In brief, they said "they wanted no '*Flub Dub*' in theirs."

At first, and for several years, the initiatory ceremonies were divided into three distinct degrees or grades, the candidates being known at the different stages as "Recruit," "Soldier" and "Veteran."

As may well be surmised, the early ceremonies, especially as conducted in Post No. 113, were not specially impressive. There were no "guards," no "floor work" and no attempt at spectacular or solemn effect.

Imagine the room furnished as described, with the Comrades sitting about the room in delightfully promiscuous positions and easy attitudes, with pipes well filled and drawing; the Post is called to order, the meeting opened "without form," the records read and business promptly concluded.

If a candidate is in attendance, he is introduced without ceremony, takes his obligation at the altar, and after brief instructions signs the By-Laws, and all is over. The remainder of the evening was spent in social chat and games. The Post closing was regularly "without form."

The usual length of business meetings was from ten to twenty minutes and often not over five minutes. Everything was informal, and good fellowship was the rule. Light refreshments were frequently provided, and anon a visit to the adjoining room would reveal a nice, choice keg of beer on tap with pretzels handy by.

A VETERANS' CLUB

Personal remembrances of Post No. 113, even a dozen years after its organization, recall it as more of a fraternal Veterans' club than as a formal Grand Army Post of later days. It seemed more like a social association of congenial Veterans, which conducted its business and work with a delightful lack of formal restraint; it was a conference of friends who regarded the organization more as a means of developing good fellowship

than as some wonderful Order for which they were to have an abstract affection.

There also was a something that suggested a sort of splendid isolation and independence, while there certainly existed a rare degree of genuine comradeship and sincere friendship among the membership that has not been exceeded even in later years.

The regular meetings were a sort of chummy smoke talk affairs, maintained for the pleasure of the members and for the good they were able to do by united effort. The present solemn and stately methods of procedure were the growth of later days.

Post No. 113 was unique in its concepts and methods in its early beginnings, and has so continued. Its peculiarities have many times been observed and mentioned by kindly friends, during its career, but always with approval.

FINANCES

One of the first subjects that pressed for attention was the financial needs of the Post to meet running expenses and provide a relief fund.

The truth of Ben Franklin's maxim as stated in his "Poor Richard," that "it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright," was fully realized, and active measures were taken to fill up the bag.

Pending the collection of dues, it was voted that members be requested to loan the Post such sums of money as they could, to be subsequently adjusted with the Quartermaster. It seems that this was actually done, as by a later vote the Quartermaster was directed to pay back all moneys that had been borrowed. Comrades Washburn and Hiscock each advanced $100 and afterwards generously donated the full amount to the Post. In order to reduce the item of rent, the hall was sublet, at the rate of $300 per year, during the daytime, to the Department, and was used for an office, first by Comrade Solomon Hovey, Jr., and later by Henry B. Pierce, Assistant Adjutants-General. The membership fee for those coming by transfer was fixed at $3, which continued till February 9, 1881, when it was increased to $5. About 1885, it was made $10, and some years later, after the Death Benefit Fund was established, it was further increased to $25, at which sum it has since remained.

The dues were originally $1 per month, payable at the Quartermaster's desk; this rate continued to June 1, 1871, and was then reduced to 50 cents per month, payable quarterly. December, 1875, they were made $10 per annum, half payable January 1, and half July 1. After July 1, 1876, the dues were made payable quarterly, in advance. In January, 1878, they were reduced to $6 per annum, in advance, and February 9, 1881, made payable semi-annually. Subsequently the dues were again made $10, payable half in January and half in July in advance, at which sum they afterwards remained.

The fee for muster-in was fixed at $5; about 1885, it was changed to $10; and some years later to $25, which fee thereafter continued.

Many schemes were devised to raise money, and something was realized on lectures, concerts, and similar entertainments. One of the first of these entertainments was a benefit given in the Selwyn Theatre, at which the Montgomery Light Guards, Company I, 9th Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., assisted, from which effort $177.15 was netted.

One course of lectures given at the Post Headquarters brought to the treasury $277.41. A number of very excellent musicales were given from time to time, but the net proceeds were not large.

Similar efforts were continued for some years with varying results. But the bulk of all moneys received by the Post during its whole existence has come directly from membership dues and donations. The first donation received was from Governor Alexander H. Rice and collected by Comrade Augustine Sanderson.

Comrade Attwood was the most successful collector during the first few years. The very first year he raised over $600 by his individual effort. Comrade Sanderson reported in April, 1870, that he had obtained subscriptions for $100, toward the expenses of "Memorial Day"; others also aided in the same line.

The finances of the Post for the first few years were fairly good by reason of the constant and unremitting exertions of Comrades Attwood, Hollis, Hiscock, Sanborn, Sampson, Sanderson and others, and the expenditures for charity and general purposes started off on a liberal scale.

The following rather indefinite motion relating to the finances was made and carried June 13, 1870, viz. : —

"Resolved: That the Quartermaster of this Post be authorized to borrow for such purposes as he may deem fit from the funds now in his possession, if they are not needed for the immediate necessities for which they have been obtained."

EARLY ACTIVITIES

No organization ever started out with a more active, earnest and aggressive membership. Something was proposed or actually doing all the time.

The regular meetings were held each Monday evening; later in the year it was voted to devote two evenings each month to business and two to amusements.

By an early rule no visitors were allowed to be present at any meeting while Post business was being transacted.

SOLDIERS' AID FUND

"Thus to relieve the wretched was his pride,
And e'en his failings leaned to Virtue's side."

A subject which caused much planning, discussion and time was an ambitious attempt, made in connection with the other Boston Posts, — except Post No. 15, — to raise a general fund for the relief of needy soldiers and their families; each Post appointed a committee, Comrade J. Edward Hollis being Chairman of the committee of Post No. 113. Numerous meetings of the general committee were held and weekly reports submitted by the several Posts for discussion. An elaborate scheme was adopted to hold a grand fair in Music Hall, by which it was confidently expected a large sum would be realized. They even adopted plans to fund and handle by Trustees all money netted in excess of $20,000. Each Post was to receive from the income $500 annually. Months were devoted to discussing and perfecting the details, but just as it was about to be formally launched it was discovered that a similar fair had been well advanced by the friends of the New England Hospital for women and children, and that the active aid of numbers of the best citizens had already been secured, whereupon the undertaking was regretfully abandoned and never resumed.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

An attempt was later made to establish a joint bureau for furnishing Comrades with employment, but it did not succeed.

They next considered the subject of a bureau for affording relief; this also was found impracticable unless aided in some way by the State; it was not brought about. These efforts, however, indicate the feeling and spirit of fraternal helpfulness which was characteristic of this period.

FIRST DECORATIVE SERVICE

The first Memorial Decoration attempted by Post No. 113 as a Post, was when the members took teams and went to Weston, Massachusetts, and decorated the grave of Comrade Charles L. Roberts and other soldiers' graves in the same town.

The first printed slip for decorative exercises issued by the Post was headed: —

EDWARD W. KINSLEY POST NO. 113, G. A. R.
Boston, Mass.

"Strew Flowers Where They Sleep."
By Dexter Smith.
Air. — "*Auld Lang Syne.*"

Then followed the poem of five verses. The first verse, and the refrain which was repeated after each verse, was as follows: —

"Strew flowers where our heroes sleep,
The beautiful and brave,
Their mem'ry sacred we will keep
Who died our flag to save!

Refrain: "They died our flag to save,
Our flag to save,
We'll ne'er forget the braves who died
Our flag to save!"

FIRST MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES

The first occasion upon which the Post appeared in public was in connection with the "Decoration Day" observances, May 30.

Upon invitation arrangements were made to parade with Posts Nos. 7, 26 and 32, — Post No. 15 refused to unite with the

others and paraded alone. Comrade Blackmar was selected as Chief Marshal.

Post No. 113 appropriated $200 for flowers, engaged Gilmore's Band, procured guidons, small flags and a ribbon badge for each member. The Orpheus Musical Society volunteered to accompany the Post and provide suitable music. Mr. J. H. Hilton supplied the necessary horses and a wagon, together with his own services.

A stand of National and State colors were loaned by Colonel Harrington of the 7th Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M. Messrs. Ross and Morris donated flowers, and a goodly sum of money was obtained by subscriptions. The Post was honored by having as its guests Governor Claflin and Postmaster W. L. Burt.

The ceremonies of the day took place at Forest Hills Cemetery, the four Posts carrying out the exercises in an impressive manner. Refreshments were provided by Post No. 26. Upon returning, Post No. 113 was very courteously entertained and given a collation by the Orpheus Musical Society at its headquarters.

DONATIONS

From time to time various gifts were received. Mr. Kinsley sent a carte-de-visite of himself to each member; also several magazines. Messrs. Pollard and Leighton donated six volumes of the *Army and Naval Journal;* another friend gave an assortment of games, and numerous other pleasant tokens of goodwill came in.

The first six months were largely taken up with the ordinary routine and the reception of new members — mostly admitted on transfer from Post No. 15.

The first term was well concluded by an excursion of the Post to Lowell Island, in which the ladies and friends enjoyed a day's outing and sail.

CHAPTER IV

Eighteen Hundred Seventy — Second Half

Under the Same Leader. First Post Funeral. Origin of Term "Camp Fire." Membership at End of First Year Sixty-four. A Touching Incident. Post No. 113 advocates a Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Sketch of General Wilmon W. Blackmar, the First Commander.

UNDER THE SAME LEADER

THE new board of officers for the second half year, again headed by Commander Blackmar, was publicly installed by Past Commander Charles H. Hovey, viz.: —

Commander	Wilmon W. Blackmar.
Senior Vice-Commander	J. Edward Hollis.
Junior Vice-Commander	F. R. Shattuck.
Adjutant	Augustus N. Sampson.
Quartermaster	Lowell B. Hiscock.
Chaplain	J. Waldo Denny.
Officer of the Day	Peter J. Rooney.
Officer of the Guard	George A. Sawin.
Sergeant Major	R. E. O'Brien.
Quartermaster Sergeant	J. H. Stevens.

FIRST POST FUNERAL

As heretofore mentioned, Comrade Gwinn was the first member lost, but there is no record that the Post attended his obsequies, though suitable resolutions were adopted and spread on the records.

The second Comrade to pass onward was Charles L. Roberts, in October. The Boston *Journal* published a somewhat lengthy account of his funeral, from which the following extract is quoted: —

"Post No. 113 and delegations from five other Posts of the G. A. R., together with Colonel Fox and a detail from the 55th Massachusetts Regiment Association assembled at the residence of Commander Blackmar in Boston, and took coaches for Weston. Arriving at the

house, the body was taken in charge by Post No. 113, and a procession formed which marched with muffled drums to the church, where services were held, and thence to the cemetery, where the touching and impressive funeral rites of the G. A. R. were performed.

"Comrade Casinay of Post No. 15, Adjutant Sampson of Post No. 113, and Comrade Trotter of the 55th Regiment, acted as first, second, and third Comrades in the service; Comrade J. Waldo Denny acted as Chaplain. A large concourse of citizens from Weston and the surrounding country filled the church to overflowing and witnessed the ceremonies at the cemetery.

"A brief eulogy was pronounced by Commander Blackmar, in which he touched upon the services of the deceased comrade, his character as a man and a soldier, closing with the remark that the most fitting and proper eulogy, and the highest tribute for a soldier to utter at the grave of a soldier was, 'He has done his whole duty.'"

Appropriate resolutions were subsequently adopted and entered on the Post records.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT

In connection with the sickness of Comrade Roberts, a very touching and tender incident took place a short time before his death. The Post at his request visited his home and rehearsed, under the window of his room and within his hearing, the full burial service of the Grand Army, and afterwards all Comrades present quietly filed into Comrade Roberts' chamber, and each took his hand and bid him a last farewell. It was a very affecting incident and probably the only time a similar incident has ever occurred.

CAMP FIRES

Much discussion was held during the latter portion of the year upon the subject of getting out larger meetings. Some advocated more games and amusements; others thought too many meetings were held; while still others were sure a remedy would be found by booming up the search for new recruits. It finally resolved itself into holding a series of social Assemblies at which one and another "shouldered his crutch and showed how fields were won." Friends were invited to attend, and soon they became exceedingly popular.

To specially designate these reminiscent assemblies, the Post originated the name "Camp Fire." This name seemed

so appropriate and catchy, and the meetings themselves proving so successful, other Posts took up the idea and held similar assemblies, calling them by the same name. The designation quickly spread throughout the Grand Army, and "Camp Fire" came to mean almost any assembly of Comrades where song, story or address recalled the scenes of camp, field or ship.

To Post No. 113, however, belongs the honor of first originating and using the term "Camp Fire" to designate social and reminiscent meetings of comrades of the G. A. R.

RESOLUTION FOR A SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT

In November a resolution was passed and sent to the Board of Aldermen favoring the erection by the city of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common. Posts Nos. 7, 23, and 32 indorsed the resolution. Post No. 15 declined to take any action on the ground that "it was something in no way connected with the Grand Army of the Republic," while Post No. 26 declined to act because "the former City of Roxbury had already erected a Soldiers' Monument at Forest Hills Cemetery."

MEMBERSHIP

The total new members uniting with Post No. 113 the first year, mostly by transfer, was	50
Charter and other members uniting at time of organization	16
	66
Lost by the last roll call	2
Number of members, December 31, 1870	64

WILMON WHILLDIN BLACKMAR

Service, Civil War.	15th Penn. Cavalry. Private; Corporal; Sergeant; 1st Sergeant.
	1st W. Va. Cavalry. 2d Lieutenant; Captain.
Service, M. V. M.	Judge Advocate-General for ten years on the Staffs of Governors Washburn, Talbot, Rice and Long.

"And thus this man died, leaving his death for an example of a noble courage and a memorial of virtue, not only unto young men, but unto all his nation." — II *Mac.* vi. 31.

Comrade Blackmar, the first Commander of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., and for over thirty-five years a zealous champion and earnest worker for the organization, was

born at Bristol, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, of New England parentage, July 25, 1841. He came to Boston early in life, and this remained his home up to the time of his death. His education was obtained in the Brimmer School of Boston, the Bridgewater Normal School and Phillips Exeter Academy, entering the latter institution in the fall of 1861, intending to take a collegiate course at Harvard.

But the student Blackmar could not restrain his patriotic ardor, and, throwing his books aside, returned to his native State and enlisted as a private in Company K, 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, August 23, 1862. For meritorious service at the battle of Antietam he was promoted to corporal, and in rapid succession passed through the other non-commissioned grades to Orderly Sergeant of his company.

March 15, 1864, Sergeant Blackmar received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the 1st West Virginia Cavalry, one of Custer's famous regiments which took part in many bold and successful raids under the leadership of General Sheridan.

He joined his new regiment at Martinsburg, West Virginia, and was assigned to Company H, of which he at once took command in the absence of his Captain on sick leave and the First Lieutenant on detail as Adjutant.

Young Blackmar's devotion to duty and mastery of military tactics soon placed him on staff duty, which service was continued to the end of the war.

He served both in the eastern and western armies, on the staffs of Colonel James M. Schoonmaker and Generals William H. Powell and Henry Capehart, who commanded brigades and divisions under General Custer and General Sheridan.

For distinguished services at the battle of Five Forks, April 1, 1865, he was promoted to a captaincy on the field by General Custer.

Subsequently Congress granted him a medal of honor for "distinguished gallantry in action."

He took part in twenty-two actions; among them, Antietam, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, the Shenandoah Valley campaigns, the engagements around Richmond and around Petersburg, Sailors Creek and Appomattox Court House. He was present at the famous conference between Generals Grant and Lee when

terms of capitulation were signed, and the chair in which General Grant sat at this historic meeting was turned over to him and carried on horseback to camp for General Capehart. The "Grant Chair" was afterwards taken to North Dakota and remained for many years in General Capehart's possession. Later, he presented the chair to General Blackmar, who retained it in his possession as a prize souvenir of the great War. By his will the relic was donated to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D.C., and it may now be seen in the National Museum, enclosed in a glass case near the other relics of General Grant.

With the close of the War Captain Blackmar received his honorable discharge from the army, dated July 8, 1865. He soon after returned to Boston and entered the Harvard Law School, from which he graduated June, 1868, receiving the degree of LL.B. The following July he was admitted to the Suffolk bar and at once commenced the practice of his profession. His specialty was the care of estates and management of trust property, in which his thorough honesty, business and legal ability were soon recognized, and which later brought to him substantial remuneration and well-deserved honor.

Comrade Blackmar commenced his Grand Army experience as a member of John A. Andrew Post No. 15, of Boston, and became one of the little company to organize Post No. 113. Like Comrades Denny and Attwood, he did not become a charter member, but came in at the first meeting for organization, with others, as heretofore mentioned.

He was then in his twenty-ninth year and had just commenced to secure some business as one of the struggling lawyers of the city; he was not blessed with any surplus of this world's goods at this time, but he had a winning way, a magnetic personality, energy and a splendid war record. It is not at all remarkable that his Comrades should select him to command the new Post. There is no doubt but what Comrade Blackmar was devotedly in love with his association, and during all the years following gave his best thought and efforts to the upbuilding and standing of the Post.

He was reëlected Commander in July, 1870, and faithfully attended all meetings and functions of the Post during the year. For reasons not necessary to be here mentioned, at the earnest

request of his Comrades he again assumed the office of Commander and served through the year 1873. The office of Commander was the only executive office he ever held in the Post, but he was always a constant attendant on its meetings up to the time of his death, and was the one above all others to be selected to represent the Post upon all public or important occasions. His influence was probably greater than any other single member, and his leadership was ever acknowledged.

He was chosen the sole Trustee of the Post Relief Fund, in 1876; after the fund had become larger and the calls for charity had become more numerous, a board of three Trustees was chosen, of which he was a member, and its Chairman after 1899. It is not too much to say that to his business ability, activity and caution the Post is in a large degree indebted for the accumulation of money which now is and hereafter will be devoted to the relief of poor and needy Comrades and their widows and orphans.

To attempt to enumerate all of the many things he did and the positions filled in connection with the Post's activities would be impossible; suffice it to say that he was ever ready to do all he could for the Post, and as Toast-master at dinners, Orator on Memorial Day or as a member of some committee "with full powers," his life connection with the Post was ever a source of admiration, strength and helpfulness. No great function of the Post was ever complete without his presence and his cheery voice.

Comrade Blackmar's home life was ideally happy. On November 17, 1880, he was married to Helen R., daughter of John R. and Caroline (Sayles) Brewer, who has survived him, and is esteemed not only for what she has done, in connection with her husband, for the Grand Army generally, but especially as a long- and well-tried friend of Post No. 113.

Comrade Blackmar in business and social affairs was held in high esteem; he was a member of the Union Club, the Boston Art Club, the Loyal Legion, the Masonic fraternity and other social bodies. For ten years he was Judge Advocate-General of Massachusetts, with rank of Brigadier-General, on the staffs of Governors Washburn, Talbot, Rice and Long, and as such officer was Chairman of the military board for the examination and qualifying officers commissioned in the Massachusetts

Volunteer Militia during that period. His only elective political office was as a member of the Boston Common Council.

Prior to 1900 no member of the Post had ever aspired to either of the first three elective offices in this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrade Blackmar had been elected many times as a representative to the National Encampment, in which he took a prominent part, had served two terms on the National Council of Administration, was Chairman of two pension committees and had served as Department Judge Advocate.

In 1900 he was chosen Junior Vice-Department Commander; in 1901 Senior Vice-Department Commander and in 1902 Department Commander. In each of these instances his candidacy was loyally and effectively supported by Post 113. He proved a tower of strength to the Department administration in every position which he filled.

His visits to the different Posts brought him into close touch with the Comrades throughout the State, and its effect in deepening and cementing his love for the Grand Army was noteworthy and most remarkable.

The love which he always bore for his own Post seemed to enlarge and expand until it took in the whole membership of the Department; and, quite as unusual, there seemed to rise up a great wave of enthusiasm and affection for him personally in the hearts of Comrades whom he met.

Post No. 113, however, knowing his record in war and peace, believed him peculiarly fitted for the highest honor, that of Commander-in-Chief. With characteristic force and skill they caused the subject of his elevation to the supreme command to be brought before the Department at its Annual Encampment in 1904, with the result that he was unanimously indorsed for that position, and the delegates of the Department directed to use all proper means to have him chosen at the National Encampment to be held in Boston in August of that year.

How well the wishes of the Post and the Department were carried out, his unanimous election by that great National Assembly of Veterans representing nearly every State in the Union fully attests. His sincere appreciation of this great honor may be best judged by his own words: —

"This is an office which dies with the Grand Army, and which cannot be perpetuated. For this reason it is, in my opinion, the most honorable office to which any man can aspire, and the announcement of my election to it marked the proudest moment of my life."

How well and faithfully he carried out his ideal of the trust reposed in him by this position is known by all his Comrades. Space does not permit the recording of a tithe of all he did and was to us and to the organization for which he actually and freely gave his love, his strength, his life.

Commander-in-Chief Blackmar was called home at Boise, Idaho, July 16, 1905, while engaged in attempting to officially visit every Department of the Grand Army during his official term of one year, in addition to performing all the usual and weighty duties of his position.

His body, accompanied by his family and by representatives of Post No. 113 and other Grand Army Comrades, was brought to Boston. Every State and city through which it passed paid tribute to his memory. On Sunday, July 23, the body, guarded by his Comrades of Post No. 113 and wrapped in the National Flag, lay in state at the State House in the Hall of Flags, wherein are deposited those sacred relics of valor, the battle-scarred flags of the Massachusetts Volunteers, carried during that great War in which he took so noble and gallant a part over forty years before. The floral tributes were beautiful and in profusion. No greater honor could be paid to a soldier than was accorded him.

After his remains had been viewed by thousands of all classes who flocked to do his memory honor, his body was borne by a delegation of the Sons of Veterans to the funeral procession formed on Beacon Street, in front of the State House. The escort was headed by a platoon of mounted police, and after them came the Department Commander and staff and honorary staff; thirty-four Posts of the G. A. R.; Sons of Veterans; Company K, 5th Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., of Hingham; Medal of Honor Legion; Massachusetts National Aides to Commander-in-Chief; General John R. King, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army; Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, of Boston, as guard of honor; Commander Ephraim B. Stillings and staff; First Company, under Senior Vice-Commander Charles B. Amory; "Old Glory," Headquarters Flag of the

G. A. R., Troop D, Cavalry Outriders; Past Commanders of Post No. 113; Hearse; Massachusetts State Flag; eight Sons of Veterans as body bearers; Second Company of Post No. 113, under Junior Vice-Commander William H. Ruddick; Pall-bearers in carriages — Lieutenant-Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., representing the Commonwealth; Mayor P. A. Collins, representing the city; Colonel William M. Olin, representing the Grand Army of the Republic; General Charles K. Darling, representing the Sons of Veterans; Colonel Stephen M. Crosby, representing the Second Church; Grand Master Baalis Sanford, representing the Masonic order; General Embury P. Clark, representing the militia; ex-Governor John D. Long, representing the town of Hingham; ex-Governor John L. Bates, representing the Kinsley Associates; Judge Henry N. Sheldon, representing the Suffolk bar; Paul H. Kendricken, representing the Military Order of the Loyal Legion; General James M. Schoonmaker, representing the Medal of Honor Legion; James P. Stearns, representing the Shawmut National Bank; Charles B. Barnes, representing the Nantasket Steamboat Company; Major Edward J. Jones, representing Kinsley Post No. 113 and ex-Governor J. Q. A. Brackett, representing the Middlesex Club.

ROXBURY GUARD OUTRIDERS

Troop D, First Battalion Cavalry, M. V. M., Roxbury

Music was furnished by Carter's Band of Boston, the American Watch Company's Band of Waltham and numerous Drum Corps.

The Procession moved to the Second Unitarian Church, Copley Square, via Beacon, Arlington and Boylston streets, where simple but impressive services were held. Rev. Dr. Edward A. Horton, Chaplain of Post No. 113 and former minister of this church, delivered a touching eulogy, and in connection therewith read an original poem appropriate to the solemn occasion. The exercises were concluded by the burial services of the Grand Army rendered by Comrades of the Post.

His body was then taken to Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester, escorted by a detachment of the Roxbury Horse Guards, where, in the presence of his family, Comrades of Post No. 113 and his immediate relatives and friends, the last sad rites of a soldier's burial were ended with the bugle's long farewell.

REV. EDWARD A. HORTON
Post Chaplain, 1885 to 1914 inclusive

CHAPLAIN HORTON'S EULOGY

Traits which made General Blackmar a brave warrior and a noble citizen: —

"The tokens, the appearance of this assembly, speak of patriotism and of war, but yet we are here to remember one who knew that the white dove of peace must perch at last on victorious banners.

"Our friend did love the sound of war, but for him the voice of the cannon held not the attraction which he found in representing the rights of manhood and in furthering the cause of humanity.

"The true patriot, and he was that, has a sympathetic imagination and a tender heart.

"We are able to look back and realize that he was a man possessing intensity of judgment and a noble nature.

"FIRED WITH ENTHUSIASM

"He had also that which we are glad to share, one with another, the fire of enthusiasm, unabated by passing years.

"Emerson said: 'Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.'

"We remember our departed Comrade as a man whose charming personalities were linked with the majesty of a great character. Only with such sterling qualities can one hope to win the laurel wreath.

"He oft expressed a desire to pass on in the full vigor of life, or, to use an everyday term, to 'die in the harness.'

"And so it happened.

"For one, I can see in it just what he could wish.

"Mortal flesh bleeds with wounds of sorrow, but timely reflection brings a calm.

"On the pathways of peace he was ever seeking his task, never waiting for things to shape themselves.

"He believed in true friendship. If he trusted in a man, he believed in him thoroughly. By him the links of friendship were ever kept brightly burnished. Such a trait is an inspiration for the brother who has entered in life's downward course.

"That friendship is worth little which must be tested every day by word or letter.

"Friendship is a deep well. When you pass it, be sure that when you come to it again you will find it sweet and inviting.

"That kind of loyalty characterized our friend. Years of separation did not diminish a whit his affection.

"Another of his traits was continual cheerfulness.

"On how many occasions has he found opportunity of saying or doing something to make the heart light and wreathe the sober face in smiles. Often have I seen him put a song on lips of anguish.

"His Military Career

"His military career embraces three great epochs. When Sumter's guns sounded the opening of the war, he entered the cavalry, a youth, and went forth to fight for the land he loved.

"The second came when, as a climax of brave deeds, he was made Captain on the field of battle. It was indeed a great honor.

"In this very city was furnished the third epoch with his election by popular acclamation to the office of Commander-in-Chief of that great resource of patriotism of citizenship — the Grand Army of the Republic.

"He deeply felt the responsibility which the honor carried, and labored untiringly that the many duties might be faithfully performed.

"Obstacles which arose deterred him not, and even when severe illness threatened, he started West that the little G. A. R. Post in far-off Alaska might receive tidings from their Comrades.

"But fulfilment of the mission was not to be, for, when about half-way on the journey, he passed peacefully away.

"And in answering the call of duty he performed a sacrifice, which I believe to have been almost knowingly undergone.

"Twenty-five years ago I officiated at his marriage. Together we have passed through many chapters of experience and to me this is not a public service.

"With tenderness and fidelity did he disregard personal interests that his aged father and mother might have comfort.

"And to the last he retained this domestic devotion.

"This shall be the final word. We of Post No. 113 loved him, the Department officers have evidenced their appreciation of the man, and the National representatives have come to testify regard for the citizen who had risen to a position of worthy leader.

"Nothing has touched me more in the past week than the evidence of the true love which had sprung up with his devotion to Grand Army affairs in the far remote sections of the country.

"It is truly significant to see those who have been Governors of States, those high in life and those from the bench, gather at railroad stations with the one purpose of expressing regard for the man who had won their hearts.

"He was a man who believed in serving instead of being served."

CHAPLAIN HORTON'S POEM IN EULOGY OF GENERAL BLACKMAR

"Souls do not die;
Their spheres are changed.
In this great universe they come and go.
Not at our bidding is this wondrous plan
Made the fit servant of revolving years,
But God, the merciful, and God, the good,
Orders a destiny that moves the world.

"He was our friend, so true and strong,
Yet tender-hearted in the dear delights of life,
And still we hear his hearty voice that sent
The tones of friendship straight into the heart;
Yes! Times shall tell full often to our love
The message he has taught us well,
And in such service our richest blessings lie,
Deep memories of by-gone scenes and days.

"That voice so kind had sounded stern command
When battle song and fierce contending ranks
Poured crimson carnage upon the fields of death,
Laurels of merit crowned his valiant deeds
And public praise gave honor to his name,
Yet we who knew him best,
Held dearest old familiar ways
In which his free, glad spirit was at home.

"The ways of comradeship and cheer,
The ways of simple service we hold dear;
The common priceless things so near
To every round of duty in the year,
How can we honor him?
How best remember him?
Has he no word for us, Comrades and friends?

"Yes, by the love we hold,
By the hope forever bold,
The faith of things to be;
This is his word to me.
Draw closer, Comrades, in life's march
And keep the ranks in solid line;
The havoc of the wasting years
No one shall from our acts divine.

"We were the beardless boys
Who went with hearts aglow to save our land;
We are the ones to give to-day
For home and flag the loyal hand.
Supreme our faith and just our cause;
Through us the world secured new light.
A love of freedom filled the earth
With longing for the reign of might.

"Rare gift of time, the chance to serve
To help our country in sore need,
Our grateful hearts recall with pride
Each kindling thought or daring deed;

'March toward the West, O Comrades mine!
I point the way, I lead you there!
The golden glory of great days
Shines glorious in the vista fair.'

"These are the words he seems to say,
As in our midst he lingers long.
Our listening joy transfigures pain
And turns our sighing into song.
We cannot think of him as dead,
For life abundant crowned his years;
The radiance of his cheerful soul
Dispels our grief and stays our tears.

"Good-by, brave leader, we have heard
Your words of courage as of yore;
Good-by, but leave that influence here
Which shall have fruitage more and more:
Good morning, Comrade, yours the realm
Where faithful spirits take new life
Good morning 'tis for us to say
When we are through with mortal strife."

Among the excellent biographical sketches of Commander-in-Chief Blackmar that have been written, was one by Captain A. A. Gleason, a "Kinsley Associate," and published in the Bulletin of Phillips Exeter Academy, and another by his Adjutant-General Comrade John E. Gilman, and published in the *Journal of the Thirty-ninth National Encampment.*

"Not dead, but only promoted,
He hath entered the Order above,
And there 'neath the smiles of the Master
He will finish his labors of love."

J. EDWARD HOLLIS
Post Commander, 1871 and 1876

CHAPTER V

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-one — First Half

The First Naval Commander. First National Encampment in Boston. Resignation of Commander Hollis. Presentation of Flag. Observance of Memorial Days by Post No. 113. Memorial Day Services at Boston and Lexington. Edward W. Kinsley, Orator. Sketch of Commander J. Edward Hollis.

THE FIRST NAVAL COMMANDER

THE second year opened with the installation by Commander Blackmar of J. Edward Hollis, a naval veteran, as Commander, and a full Board of Officers.

Commander	J. Edward Hollis.
Senior Vice-Commander	F. R. Shattuck.
Junior Vice-Commander	William Emerson.
Adjutant	William Washburn, Jr.
Quartermaster	Lowell B. Hiscock.
Surgeon	Dr. J. H. Warren.
Chaplain	J. Waldo Denny.
Officer of the Day	Augustine Sanderson.
Officer of the Guard	Albert W. Hersey.
Sergeant Major	H. A. Sylvester.
Quartermaster Sergeant	J. H. Stevens.

THE INAUGURAL

Upon taking command, Commander Hollis delivered his "inaugural" and it was so highly appreciated that he was requested to furnish the Adjutant with a copy to be placed upon the records. As this address does not appear, undoubtedly the Commander's modesty prevented it being done. Those who knew his genial manner, forensic abilities and erudition can well understand that a gem has been thereby lost to the Post annals.

The first recruit of the year was Franklin G. Bixby, who was shortly after appointed Adjutant to fill a vacancy. The roll of the Post was also increased by a goodly number of other Comrades.

A course of lectures was already under way, and the following, delivered in March, will indicate their general character: —

"55th Mass. Regt. at Charleston." . .	By Col. Charles B. Fox.
"Prison Pens of the South."	By Gen. Horace C. Lee.
"War — God's Missionary."	By Col. Carroll D. Wright.
"California." (Repeated by request.) . .	By Edward W. Kinsley.

An extract from a circular issued at this time is quite suggestive of the activities then taking place. To quote: —

"The first lecture of our Thursday Evening course was, as you are doubtless aware, a great success in every respect; and your attention is particularly called to the remaining lectures which will be given in our hall.

"The next 'Camp Fire' will be held on Monday Evening, March 13th, to which members are at liberty to invite their gentlemen friends. Don't forget to send to the entertainment committee papers giving your army or navy experience, and any other amusing and instructive matter which you may see fit to contribute.

"We are closing up our financial affairs very satisfactorily, and comrades who are unable to attend the meetings will please pay the collector promptly when called upon and thereby assist the Quartermaster in discharging the outstanding debt of the Post, which we hope to pay off in full with the proceeds of the lectures. As soon as practicable the assessments will be reduced. Bring in the recruits before Decoration Day, so that we may make a good appearance upon our annual parade."

Among the many friends of the Post who aided in enlivening the "Camp Fires," none were more welcome than William E. Sheridan, afterwards a member, who by his songs and recitations added greatly to their attractiveness. It was not a rare occurrence for the members to go into the theatre after a meeting, and when the performance was over to return with the actors to the headquarters, where, metaphorically speaking, there was —

"Midnight shout and revelry,
Tipsy dance and jollity,"

continued into the wee small hours.

These reminiscent memories are dear to those who experienced them, though long years have passed, bringing new scenes and changed events, as Emerson said: —

"Because the Soul is progressive, it never quite repeats itself, but in every act attempts the production of a new and fairer whole."

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Boston was held May 10 and 11, 1871, General John A. Logan being Commander-in-Chief. Arrangements were made by the Boston Posts upon what then seemed a liberal scale, the general committee having an even $500 in cash to use all for purposes.

Meagre as this sum seems as compared with the many thousands expended on later Encampments, it must be remembered that this was a period of general decline in the Grand Army, the Organization was distrusted and somewhat unpopular. The total membership had already fallen from two hundred and forty thousand to about thirty thousand.

The Encampment attracted few visitors, the small unostentatious parade by the Boston Posts had slight interest for the public. The Boston Comrades did the best they could in the way of entertainment and courtesies. Post No. 113 joined in the parade and performed its full share toward making the occasion agreeable for the National officers and delegates.

The delegates met at John A. Andrew Hall, where the business was transacted. During the two days, visits were made to Bunker Hill, the forts in the harbor and to other points of historical interest, and a banquet was given in Faneuil Hall.

RESIGNATION OF COMMANDER HOLLIS

Arrangements had already been made by the Post to fittingly observe Memorial Day, and the committee had exceeded their expectations in obtaining subscriptions, when on May 15 Commander Hollis unexpectedly sent in his resignation on account of continued sickness with which he had been suffering for some time. His resignation was reluctantly accepted and sympathetic resolutions adopted.

Senior Vice-Commander Shattuck efficiently served as Acting Commander through the remainder of the term.

PRESENTATION OF FLAG

The Post still had many good friends who continued to present various articles from time to time. Hon. Harvey Jewell donated two volumes of the Records of Massachusetts Volun-

teers, and on the evening of May 29 after the business meeting, a company of ladies entered the hall bearing a beautiful United States Flag, which was presented, as the records have it, "in a neat speech by Miss Lillian Edgarton." Acting Commander Shattuck, responding, accepted the Flag. After speeches by Mr. Edward W. Kinsley and Comrades Blackmar and Attwood, all hands proceeded to "Mrs. Mayers," for refreshments. Quartermaster Hiscock did the honors, stating that the entire company were his invited guests. Mrs. L. B. Hiscock, it seems, had been the prime mover in obtaining the Flag. It was, of course, much prized by the Post.

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAYS BY POST NO. 113

Post No. 113, not desiring to interfere with the usual custom of the older Posts in the City in their Memorial Day observances, which were usually held at the large cemeteries in the suburbs, decided to take up the special duty of decorating the graves of all soldiers buried in the city proper, and the graves of all Comrades of the Post wherever located. The city proper burial grounds consisted of the one on the Common, the Granary, King's Chapel and Copp's Hill.

To this was added the decoration of all statues and memorial tablets erected in the several churches, schoolhouses or public buildings. After 1877 the exercises also included a service at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common. A more formal service with music, addresses, etc., was usually given at some church or public auditorium. This custom of the Post was afterward continued. In referring to these celebrations upon the recurring Memorial Days, it will therefore be understood that the full plan as laid down was faithfully performed, though a detailed mention of the same is omitted.

Only the more important events and additions to the services are therefore chronicled.

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30

The Post assembled at headquarters at 9 A.M., uniformed in dark clothes, forage caps, white gloves, belts and Post ribbon badges. With the Taunton Brass Band, and carrying the new Flag presented the evening before, each member having a hand

bouquet provided at his own expense, they undertook the duties of the day. The full programme as voted was faithfully performed.

AT LEXINGTON

In the afternoon the Post, by invitation, performed the decorative services at Lexington, according to the order printed in a small circular, of which the following is a copy.

"DECORATION DAY AT LEXINGTON

"TUESDAY, May 30, 1871.

"Post No. 113, Grand Army of the Republic, with the Taunton Brass Band, leaving Boston by special train at 1 o'clock, will be provided on arrival with a collation at the Town Hall.

"ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS BY THE POST

"1. March to the Common.
"2. Decoration of the Tablets at the Memorial Hall.
"3. March to the Cemetery, escorting the Citizens.
"4. Address at the Cemetery by Edward W. Kinsley, Esq., of Boston.
"5. Grand Ceremony of Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.
"6. March to the Train at Munroe's Station."

In this service the graves of the Revolutionary heroes and those of the Civil War were equally honored.

Comrades Sampson, Bixby and Hovey took the three parts in the G. A. R. service, with Comrade Denny as Chaplain.

The Post was accorded every courtesy and given a substantial collation by the Lexington ladies, for which appreciative resolutions were afterward adopted and a handsomely engrossed copy sent to the citizens of Lexington to be hung in Memorial Hall.

The semi-year's activities were terminated with another delightful excursion to Lowell Island.

Early in June, the third Comrade, John W. Wilson, passed beyond.

J. EDWARD HOLLIS

Service, Civil War. U. S. Navy. Captain's clerk.

The second Commander of Post No. 113 served in the U. S. Navy. He was admitted to membership January 17, 1870, coming by transfer from Post No. 15.

On account of ill health he served but a few months of his first term in 1871, but was reëlected Commander and served during the year 1876 with great fidelity and acceptance.

He was the first and sole Trustee of the Relief Fund, from 1872 to 1876, when he resigned on account of his reëlection as Commander. After the board of three Trustees was established, he was made Chairman, which position he held at the time of his death, January 20, 1899. He was thus a member of the Post for twenty-nine years.

During all of this period he was a constant attendant upon the regular meetings — save as he was prevented by frequent attacks of rheumatism, from which disease for some years preceding his death he was a great sufferer.

His services for the Post, especially during its early years, were invaluable. Any one who ever made his acquaintance would remember his personality. He was a handsome man with gentlemanly bearing and an honest, earnest face. His judgment of affairs was excellent. With a polished speech and rich, melodious voice, added to a winsome manner, few could resist his appeals or desire to thwart his wishes.

His love for his Comrades was deep, sincere and constant; while his earnest advocacy of what he conceived to be for the best interests of the Post was always free from any taint of hypocrisy or personal bias. He commanded respect, for he was the soul of honor.

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days!
None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise."

CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD
Post Commander, 1871 and 1872

CHAPTER VI

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-one — Second Half

Infantryman Leads. Dedication of Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Parade in Honor of President Grant and laying Corner-stone of Post Office. No Parade for Alexis. Lectures, Concerts. Increase of Membership.

INFANTRYMAN LEADS

CONSIDERABLE difficulty was experienced in selecting an acceptable person to fill the chair made vacant by the resignation of Commander Hollis. A committee appointed to nominate a successor were unable to agree upon any Comrade, and the matter was taken up by a general ballot.

Past Commander Blackmar appeared as harmonizer, and, in the words of the Adjutant's Minutes, "offered some very appropriate and eloquent remarks touching the present condition of the Post; the peculiar need it was in of having at its head a person possessing not only the requisite executive ability, but one who was well known both in the Grand Army of the Republic and by the community generally, of influence and capable of leading the Post in 'Green Pastures.'" He then nominated Cornelius G. Attwood, which was seconded by Chaplain Denny, who, in "an able speech," thought the person nominated would prove an efficient Commander, and would be "able not only to lead this Post in 'green pastures,' but also beside the 'still waters.'" This double appeal vanquished all opposition, and Comrade Attwood was unanimously chosen Commander, and his acceptance was greeted with "three rousing cheers and a tiger."

The Commander and other officers subsequently elected were duly installed by Past Commander Blackmar as follows: —

Commander	Cornelius G. Attwood.
Senior Vice-Commander	William Emerson.
Junior Vice-Commander	Augustine Sanderson.

Quartermaster	Lowell B. Hiscock.
Adjutant	Franklin G. Bixby.
Surgeon	Dr. J. H. Warren.
Chaplain	J. Waldo Denny.
Officer of the Day	Albert W. Hersey.
Officer of the Guard	James P. Burrill.
Sergeant Major	H. A. Sylvester.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Louis G. A. Fauteaux.

July brought new rituals and a "Glee Club" organized by Comrade George E. Henry. A slight attempt was made at rehearsals of the ritualistic work of the degrees or grades, but it proved distasteful and matters went on about after the same old free and easy method originally and still popular among the Comrades.

AUTUMN PARADES

Dedication of Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

With the autumn came an invitation to parade at the laying of the corner-stone of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common, September 18. This duty was undertaken, and the Post marched in the general line, making a handsome appearance. The day was generally observed as a holiday, and the procession, made up of both military and civic bodies, was long and imposing.

PRESIDENT GRANT IN BOSTON

By invitation of the City Government, the Post again paraded upon the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, and the laying of the corner-stone of the new Post Office Building in Boston, October 16. This celebration, like the one of the previous month, was a large and imposing public function. The Post made an unusually fine appearance and ended the day with a lively Camp Fire in the evening.

GRAND DUKE ALEXIS

A very pressing invitation was received from the Faculty of Harvard College requesting the Post to parade December 8 in honor of His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Alexis, but Post No. 113 drew the line at Grand Dukes and respectfully declined the proffered honor.

MINOR EVENTS

Besides the parades, the Post had a course of eight lectures and four concerts. The attendance was not, however, commensurate with the quality of the entertainments.

The second year proved to be very active, and, considering the general depression in Grand Army affairs, must be pronounced remarkably successful.

The year closed with the inspection conducted by Department Inspector Welsh.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Members Jan. 1, 1871		64
Received in 1871	37	
Died, demitted or dropped	5	
Net gain		32
Total December 31, 1871		96

(Three accepted, not mustered.)

This was a wonderful showing for two years' efforts, though the bulk of accessions were transfers, largely from Posts Nos. 15 and 26.

CHAPTER VII

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-two

Commander's Circular. Lectures, Concerts and Camp Fires. May 30. Establishment of Relief Funds. Decrease in Attendance at Meetings. Boston Fire. Sketch of Commander Cornelius G. Attwood.

NO CHANGE IN COMMANDER

A CHANGE in the election of officers from semi-annual to annual having been made, Commander Attwood was reëlected for the ensuing year. The officers were installed January 2 by Past Commander Blackmar.

Commander	Cornelius G. Attwood.
Senior Vice-Commander	Augustus N. Sampson.
Junior Vice-Commander	Albert W. Hersey.
Adjutant	Franklin G. Bixby.
Quartermaster	Lowell B. Hiscock. Silas Sanborn, Jr.
	(Vice Hiscock resigned September 9.)
Surgeon	Nicholas N. Noyes.
Chaplain	J. Waldo Denny.
Officer of the Day	Richard Robins.
Officer of the Guard	Charles H. Boardman.
Sergeant Major	Henry W. Fernald.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Louis G. A. Fauteaux.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commander Attwood's circular announcements at the opening of the year were full of optimism. The condition of the Post was declared to be most favorable. Explaining the various meetings, he says: —

"The object of the Camp Fires is to cultivate a more intimate acquaintance among our own members, as well as to afford an opportunity for our citizen friends to see the composition of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The Sociables are instituted for the purpose of presenting an

agreeable evening's entertainment to the Comrades, their wives and lady friends.

"The business meetings are short, and officers would be greatly encouraged by a full attendance of members.

"If every Comrade will lend his energies for the common good, continued prosperity will crown the new year upon which we have now entered."

LECTURES AND CONCERTS

A course of lectures and concerts was held as follows: —

January 17. "Some Peculiar People," by Comrade L. H. Southard.
February 1. Concert with double quartette and soloists. (Given at Bracketts' Hall, 409 Washington Street.)
February 15. Lecture, "Fair Oaks and Seven Pines," by Comrade W. F. Palfrey.
February 28. Lecture, "Burnside's Coast Expedition," by Commander C. G. Attwood.
March 12. Concert.

Note. — (The instrumental music for the course was furnished by Mrs. E. A. Robins, who upon these and many other occasions freely gave her time and talent for the Post's benefit.)

The course was unusually popular and netted the sum of $400.

Regular Camp Fires were held the second Monday evenings of each month.

A special Camp Fire was given in February, complimentary to Edward W. Kinsley, Esq., who had just returned from a trip to England.

A pleasant occasion followed soon in the presentation of a handsome badge to Commander Attwood, as the result of a vote taken at the Fusileers' Fair, upon the question of who was the most popular Post Commander in Boston.

MEMORIAL DAY

The collections for Memorial Day, May 30, were most gratifying, and the Post was enabled to arrange for a more elaborate ceremonial than heretofore. Brown's Brigade Band and the Temple Quartette were engaged to assist in the services, held at the Berkeley Street church.

After completing the full ceremonies of the day as adopted by the Post, a collation was served at the headquarters at seventy-five cents per plate.

An invitation to parade June 17 upon the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument at Charlestown was declined on account of the engagements elsewhere of many members of the Post.

At the first meeting after the summer vacation several resignations were received and acted upon. Quartermaster Hiscock, who had given much time to his duties and had supplied considerable financial aid upon all occasions of need, retired, and September 9 Silas Sanborn, Jr., was chosen to the vacancy. Officer of the Day Robins resigned and George E. Henry was chosen, and Quartermaster Sergeant Fauteaux was replaced by Charles Dodd.

RELIEF FUNDS

The Post elected a Relief Committee annually, whose duty it was to investigate all applications for aid and report upon the same, after which suitable relief or other aid was voted by the Post, the expenses incurred being taken from the general fund in the hands of the Quartermaster.

The last collections made for Memorial Day had been so successful that the sum of $600.25 remained after paying all expenses. This favorable showing was largely due to the able collecting skill of Commander Attwood.

After the election of Comrade Silas Sanborn, Jr., as Quartermaster, Commander Attwood turned over to him the duty of securing subscriptions from the parties formerly contributing, he deeming it improper or at least injudicious for one holding the office of U. S. Deputy Collector of the Port to solicit funds for any purpose. In this connection it should be stated that Comrade Sanborn continued to collect funds for every recurring Memorial Day observance of the Post up to the time of his death, June 14, 1912.

GENERAL RELIEF FUND

At the meeting held October 14 the subject of establishing a General Relief Fund was considered, and it was finally voted to transfer $500 from the balance left from Memorial Day to a regular Relief Fund. Comrade J. Edward Hollis was chosen Trustee of this fund. All payments were by special vote of the Post, except in cases of urgent necessity, when the Commander was allowed to order a sum paid not exceeding $50.

POST FUND

A second fund denominated the Post Relief Fund, intended especially for aid to members, was also established, with a beginning of $100.25, the balance of the Memorial Day collections. This fund was to be drawn, on order of the Commander or by vote of the Post, on the recommendation of the Relief Committee.

DECREASED ATTENDANCE

The attendance at meetings as time went on rather fell off, and it was evident that the increase in Post membership had been reached. Comrades were urged to secure applications from "reliable men," or the assessments must be raised to meet current expenses.

At one of the meetings Comrade Sampson forcibly said,—

"It is a shame that such splendid officers as the Post now has, should not be better supported and encouraged by a fuller attendance and more interest shown on the part of the Comrades."

GREAT FIRE

Under date of November 11 the following entry in the records is found:—

"No meeting on account of the great fire 10th and 11th inst. No gas in the city for use to-night. Boston in darkness.

"FRANKLIN G. BIXBY, *Adjutant.*"

Comrade Joseph Wait passed on, November 26, and his funeral was attended by the Post at Ipswich, Massachusetts.

December 2 the annual inspection was held by Department Commander Sibley and staff. The Post was pronounced "in the finest condition of any visited." The extent of the compliment must be taken in connection with the low estate of the Grand Army at the time.

At the election in December for the ensuing year's term, it was voted to dispense with the usual nominating committee and to nominate officers by the system of a "Marking List." This plan proved satisfactory, and Commander Attwood was unanimously renominated and elected, but declined further service.

Commander Attwood then read a carefully prepared address, giving a history of the Post from its organization, showing

that from a small beginning commendable progress had been made and much good accomplished. Future success was hopeful.

CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD

Service, Civil War.	3d Mass. Battalion Rifles. 2d Lieutenant.
	25th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Major; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.
Service, M. V. M.	Inspector General, rank Brigadier-General.

The administration of Commander Attwood, the third in order, as may well be inferred from what has been already said of him, was full of life and go from start to finish. He was enthusiasm personified. He could no more help being a leader in anything with which he was connected than some others could help being followers. He was for several years perhaps the most active member in raising money, devising new schemes and pushing everything forward.

It has been said that at almost every meeting he had some new plan or scheme to present for raising money or strengthening the Post in some way, each carefully worked out on paper. In every instance he was ready to do more work than any other member to bring success.

The Post was greatly indebted to him for the vigor and strength which he imparted at a formative period of its existence. He had strong friends, and, like men of his mould, some enemies.

His membership in Post No. 113 commenced with the organization and continued till February 7, 1876, when he transferred to Post No. 26.

Some years after, he returned to Post No. 113, and was a member at the time of his death, which occurred January 19, 1888. The Post attended his funeral.

Commander Attwood's service in the Grand Army was noteworthy: a member of Post No. 10; a charter member and Commander of Post No. 15; Quartermaster General; Adjutant-General; National Council of Administration; and his service in Post No. 113.

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all." — *Eccles.* ix. 11.

AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON
Post Commander, 1873

CHAPTER VIII

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-three

Citizens' Aid Post. Post Headquarters destroyed by Fire. Rescue of the Bible and Stuffed Eagle. Rev. W. H. H. Murray, Memorial Orator. Trip to Malden. Touring for Headquarters. Members of "113" Start New Post. Presentations Made and Donations Received. Sketch of Commander Augustus N. Sampson.

THE THIRD ARMY ADMINISTRATION

THE officers were installed by Department Mustering officer George T. Childs, as follows: —

Commander	Augustus N. Sampson.
Senior Vice-Commander	Albert W. Hersey.
Junior Vice-Commander	Charles H. Boardman.
Quartermaster	Silas Sanborn, Jr.
Adjutant	Franklin G. Bixby.
Surgeon	George H. Caldwell.
Chaplain	Edward W. Griggs.
Officer of the Day	George E. Henry.
Officer of the Guard	Luke R. Landy.
Sergeant Major	Henry W. Fernald.
Quartermaster Sergeant	James P. Burrill.
Trustee	J. Edward Hollis.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Quite a goodly number of applications for membership were received early in the year, and new hope cheered the hearts of the Posts' "reliables."

The stated meeting was changed to Wednesday evening, with two each month, except the months of July, August and September, making nine regular meetings for the year.

The Comrades were urged to be present every meeting and encouraged by the assurance that if every Comrade would lend his energies for the common good, the year upon which they had now entered would be their *best*.

CITIZENS AID POST

Commander Sampson exhibited much ability in pressing Post concerns. He was enabled to report the "Signal success" of the special Memorial Finance Committee in making collections.

He announced that —

"Notwithstanding the late terrible calamity (great fire of 1872) and their great financial loss, the citizens of Boston are alive and stand as ever, with open hearts and hands, ready to assist us in this noble work of perpetuating the memory of our fallen Comrades, as set forth in this beautiful and touching ceremony, introduced and performed by our Order."

POST HEADQUARTERS DESTROYED BY FIRE

The few Comrades who had assembled at headquarters about 8.30 A.M., May 30, to take part in the Memorial Day parade and services were given a genuine sensation. Suddenly a fire broke out in the Theatre Building, and it was seen that the same was serious. Comrades hastened to the Post quarters on the third floor and hastily removed such articles as were nearest at hand.

Comrade Dodd rescued the famous and much-prized stuffed bald eagle, and Comrade Sanderson seized the Bible and rushed out of a back window over a wire grating, and made a triumphant exit by the rear passage of the Selwyn Theatre on to Essex Street.

Quartermaster Sanborn and Comrade Sears with others succeeded in rescuing the records, guidons, belts and a few other small articles. Sanborn and Sears were the last to leave the building, then thick with smoke and flying embers, the latter receiving painful burns on his hands.

MEMORIAL DAY

Notwithstanding the destruction of the Post headquarters, twenty-six Comrades assembled at the store of Senior Vice-Commander Hersey on Washington Street for the duties of the day. Led by the Metropolitan Band, with guidons and Flag flying, the column proceeded to the Common, where the decorative ritual was performed; thence, by a very long route, they

arrived at Park Street Church. The full G. A. R. service was given, assisted by the Temple Quartette, and an address delivered by the Rev. W. H. H. Murray.

AT MALDEN

At the conclusion of the church exercises the Post, by invitation of the citizens of Malden, took train, and after a lunch upon arrival at Malden, the march was taken up for the cemetery, where the full ritual was again rendered and the graves of all soldiers and sailors lovingly decorated.

Upon their return, the hospitality of Post No. 15 headquarters on Essex Street was temporarily accepted.

TOURING FOR HEADQUARTERS

In June, the Post met at Room No. 10, Exchange Building, on State Street, where also the Department had established its headquarters. With the opening of the fall season in September the Post met at the headquarter rooms of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, No. 4 Boylston Hall, corner Boylston and Washington streets. In November, Boston Hall, 176 Tremont Street, was engaged as temporary headquarters pending obtaining permanent quarters.

MEMBERS OF "113" START POST IN MALDEN

One of the incidental results of the visit of Post No. 113 to Malden, May 30, was the revival of interest by the veterans of that vicinity in the Grand Army. This was made apparent a little later by the efforts of Comrade Lakeman and others who were members of Post No. 113 to organize a new Post in Malden. This was successfully accomplished, and General H. G. Berry, Post No. 40, was chartered October 1 and has since become one of the prosperous Posts of the Department.

MINOR HAPPENINGS

A pleasant event of the early part of the year was the presentation of a marble statue of Daniel Webster, also a large picture to Past Commander Attwood.

Later in the year the Post presented a fine gold badge, costing

$50, to Comrade William E. Sheridan, in remembrance of his valuable assistance at Camp Fires and other occasions.

In December, Samuel A. Walker, Esq., presented the Post with $100 on account of the loss suffered by the fire which destroyed the Headquarters, May 30.

After again changing the meeting nights from Wednesday to the second and fourth Mondays, the year was closed by the annual inspection conducted by Department Inspector Brownell Granger.

AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON

Service, Civil War.	13th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant.
Service, M. V. M.	Boston City Guards.
	4th Mass. Battalion Rifles. 4th Lieutenant; 3d Lieutenant. Staff of Governor Rice: Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Inspector General. Second Brigade: Captain and Aide-de-camp. Staff of Governor Ames: Colonel and Assistant Inspector General.

Commander Sampson was a charter member of Post No. 113, and its first Adjutant. His records of the doings of the Post are very complete, and, in this respect as well as in method and clearness of expression, form a favorable contrast to the work in this Department performed by some of his successors.

He had a marked individuality, with positive opinions which he was not backward in expressing whenever he deemed it necessary.

Upon all occasions he made a good appearance. He was a ready speaker, with sufficient self-confidence to carry him through whatever rôle he undertook. While no special advance was made by the Post during his term, yet considering the general lack of personal interest among the members, he was exceedingly fortunate in holding the Post so well together. His efforts to increase the Post revenue and place it upon a substantial basis were unremitting. Perhaps to his persistency, more than that of any other member, is due the fact that the Post charter was not surrendered.

In later years his interest did not abate. Until his last sickness he was a constant attendant at the meetings and always active, alive and forcible. He frequently noted the fact

that certain Comrades who had been honored with office rarely came out to the meetings or took much interest in the welfare of the Post after they had ceased to hold office. He would then observe: "This is not right; they ought to be willing to give some personal attention to what is going on; their presence and interest would strengthen the Post. This thing is not right."

He answered the last roll call September 18, 1901. A large representation of the Post attended his funeral at the chapel at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, and the full G. A. R. burial service was given. By his special request a number of Comrades attended the incineration of his body in the crematory.

"How sound they sleep! no more the joyous shout
No reveille awakes them to the light.
The tattoo beats for them a long, long night,
They heed no earthly taps, their light is out."

CHAPTER IX

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-four

An Optimistic Circular. New Headquarters Secured. Memorial Exercises at King's Chapel. Rev. Henry W. Foote, Orator. Demits and Suspensions. Sketch of Commander J. Waldo Denny.

ANOTHER INFANTRYMAN AT THE HEAD

THE officers were installed by Past Commander Blackmar; the "Grand Army Glee Club" furnished acceptable music, and speeches were made by Edward W. Kinsley, Esq., General John L. Swift and "Farmer Allen."

At the conclusion a collation was served. It was an occasion of much interest.

LIST OF OFFICERS

Commander	J. Waldo Denny.
Senior Vice-Commander	James M. Richardson.
Junior Vice-Commander	William H. Alline.
Adjutant	Thomas R. Mathews.
Quartermaster	Charles H. Boardman.
Surgeon	George T. Perkins.
Chaplain	Cephas C. Bumpus.
Officer of the Day	Charles S. Seagraves.
Officer of the Guard	James W. Dolliver.
Sergeant Major	Henry M. Prichard.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Charles S. Halladay.
Trustee Relief Fund	J. Edward Hollis.

AN OPTIMISTIC CIRCULAR

Commander Denny assumed office with all the lively anticipations of his predecessors. If the early Commanders had not been born optimists, it certainly would have fared badly with the Post. His opening circular was full of cheer. He said: —

J. WALDO DENNY
Post Commander, 1874

"The present condition of the Post affords cause for congratulation.

"Having reached a permanently sound financial basis, with a well-invested fund under the supervision of our Trustee, J. Edward Hollis, we need now only an *increased attendance* upon our meetings and a new infusion of the *Spirit of Fraternity*, to render our organization the most effective branch in this Department of the G. A. R.

"If each member will consider his own personal responsibility and accept this as an appeal to his individual honor to observe the obligation he has assumed, the work will be accomplished.

"Comrades! rally at the next meeting! give us the benefit of your wise counsels relating to the future prosperity of the Post."

That the foregoing appeal did not meet with unanimous response may be inferred from the action taken at the next meeting in suspending five members and granting the requests of three others for transfers to Post No. 26. The "Glee Club" was also disbanded as a result of the transfers.

The Post leaders, however, kept up good heart; they had not yet thought of giving up the ship.

At the same meeting donations for a member and a soldier's widow of $41 were voted.

A committee of two for each month was provided to visit sick Comrades.

The belts, swords, banner staff and other equipments were ordered cleaned and deficiencies supplied preparatory to the May parade.

Active steps were taken to secure new headquarters, and a committee of five was appointed to furnish the new quarters when secured.

MEMORIAL DAY

The arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day appear to have been made upon a more ambitious scale than before; the collections amounted to $831, but it required an appropriation of $86 in addition from the general Relief Fund to meet the expenditures.

The Post assembled at the "Tiger's" Armory, Concord Hall, West Concord Street. Line was formed with the Metropolitan Band and the Boston Light Infantry (Tiger's) as escort, Comrade Captain Nicholas N. Noyes commanding.

After marching to the several burial grounds within the city

proper and making the usual decorations, the Post repaired to King's Chapel, where, at twelve o'clock, the full services were held, assisted by the organ and the Schumann Club, who had volunteered their services upon this occasion. The Rev. Henry W. Foote delivered an appropriate address.

HEADQUARTERS

The subject of providing new quarters again came up in the autumn, and after much search it was decided to take a hall at the old location, 368 Washington Street, New Globe Theatre Building, Room No. 7.

This was leased December 1 to Comrades Blackmar and Hollis as Trustees for the Post, some ten or more Comrades becoming responsible for the rental of $850 per annum, gas and steam heating extra.

The headquarters of the Department were again established with Post No. 113, for which they paid $350.

Quite a number of new members were received during the year, though not sufficient to replace transfers, suspensions and dropped. Many of the officers were quite often absent from meetings, which as a rule were slimly attended.

Aside from a delegation attending upon invitation a Camp Fire held by William H. Smart Post No. 30, of Cambridgeport, the only event of note was the Memorial Celebration, May 30.

The annual inspection was held December 21; Inspector-General Joel of New York and Assistant Department Inspector Spaulding were present.

Comrade Francis Bush, Jr., was mustered out September 16, his funeral being attended by the Post.

JOSEPH WALDO DENNY

Service, Civil War. 6th Mass. Infantry. Lieutenant. 25th Mass. Infantry. Captain.

Commander Denny had a fine war record for efficiency, and as before noted had long been connected with the Grand Army prior to the organization of Post No. 113.

His interest in the Post during its early history was shown in his attendance and activity at its meetings. He was its first Chaplain and had continued in said office until 1873.

In all matters before the Post he was a prominent debater and was peculiarly felicitous in drawing up resolutions and memorials.

The attendance at the meetings fell off as the year went on, and the general interest seriously waned. A few came in, but more transferred, were dropped or suspended from membership. It was a time that required unremitting exertion on the part of the Commander, with great personal effort.

Upon the whole, the general condition of the Post was less favorable at the close of the year than at its beginning.

Commander Denny afterwards served as Chaplain in 1876. He was an uncompromising enemy of the South and seriously took to heart the action of the Post in inviting ex-Confederates to join in the Memorial Day parade, as noted in the next chapter.

He withdrew from the Post in 1887, but in 1906 he attended the Anniversary banquet and the succeeding month was readmitted to membership in the Post, being cordially welcomed by every one in "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

He had the distinction, after 1906, of being the oldest Past Commander, both as to age and service. He passed his remaining years in ease, contentment and happiness, honored, respected and loved by all his Comrades, departing this life December 4, 1912.

CHAPTER X

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-five

New Headquarters Dedicated. All Past Commanders in Office. Notable Fraternity for ex-Confederates Memorial Day. Rev. Minot J. Savage, Orator. Gifts. Statue of "War Governor" Andrew. First Anniversary Celebration. Increase in Dues. Department Politics. Administration.

DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION

THE announcement of the Committee on the new headquarters, 368 Washington Street, read: —

"Let us rally in force at this our first meeting and take a 'fresh start' in our new home, which is handsomely refurnished and rejuvenated since the fire of Memorial Day, '73."

Pursuant to this invitation the "new home" was dedicated in connection with a public installation of officers by General Henry R. Sibley, in the presence of Governor Talbot and staff, a goodly number of Comrades with their ladies, and other visitors. The music was furnished by the Schumann Club, with the Hovey brothers at the piano.

A collation was served during the evening, followed by speeches from prominent guests present, among whom were Edward W. Kinsley, Esq., Henry B. Pierce, Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department, and Mr. Samuel A. Walker; the latter closed his remarks by presenting the Post one hundred dollars — this being his second donation of a like amount within two years.

CAVALRY AGAIN LEADS, SUPPORTED BY THE INFANTRY AND NAVY

A decidedly unique departure was made in selecting three of the four Past Commanders for the first three offices, with the fourth for Chaplain. The requisitioning of the first Commander to again lead the Post indicated not only a necessity

for radical measures, but a confidence in Comrade Blackmar which he well deserved. The Board was as follows: —

Commander	Wilmon W. Blackmar.
Senior Vice-Commander	Cornelius G. Attwood.
Junior Vice-Commander	J. Edward Hollis.
Adjutant	Thomas R. Mathews.
Quartermaster	Charles H. Boardman.
Surgeon	George T. Perkins.
Chaplain	Augustus N. Sampson.
Officer of the Day	Louis N. Tucker.
Officer of the Guard	William C. Page.
Sergeant Major	Henry M. Prichard.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Edward B. Richardson.
Trustee Relief Fund	J. Edward Hollis.

"PERFECT SUCCESS"

Commander Blackmar's inaugural circular congratulated the Post upon the "perfect success" of the first meeting at the new headquarters and said: —

"The full attendance of so many Comrades whose faces have been hidden for many months, and the throng of ladies and gentlemen, firm friends of our Post, made the old-time prosperity seem fully realized again.

"Let us keep alive our Post and keep together, remembering that the day cannot be far distant when only a few of us can meet on this side of the river, to celebrate our anniversaries and enjoy reminiscences of battle, march and bivouac mutually shared."

FRATERNITY AND CHARITY FOR EX-CONFEDERATES

"Strike him who fights thy country,
With vigor strike thy blow:
But while thou strik'st remember
That thou shalt love thy foe."

— *His Imperial Majesty, Emperor of Japan, to his Army.*

An incident connected with the arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day was one of the most notable in the history of the Post. On motion of Comrade Solomon Hovey, Jr., it was voted, after a full and spirited discussion, that —

"All ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors residing in Boston or vicinity be invited to parade with the Post Memorial Day."

In the customary notice issued by the Commander giving the details for the day, the action taken upon this subject was announced as follows: —

"The tenth anniversary of the ending of hostilities seems to be a fitting time to bury the bitter memories of the war and extend the hand of fellowship and friendship to every citizen of the Republic.

"By vote of the Post, the Commander, in the name of his command, hereby extends to every ex-Confederate soldier and sailor in Boston and vicinity a sincere and hearty invitation to join with them on Memorial Day in strewing with flowers the graves of those of their countrymen whom they met where only brave men dared to be."

The invitation, which was carried out by an ex-Confederate Colonel parading with the Post on Memorial Day, is a full and sufficient answer to the unfavorable criticisms of the action taken twenty-four years later in inviting General Joseph Wheeler to be the Memorial Day orator. The spirit of liberality, forgiveness and charity, with the sincere desire of healing up the wounds of animosity, strife, bitterness, sectionalism and civil war shown by Post No. 113 was no fantastic or spectacular exhibition exploited thirty-four years after the War for the Union ended. It was the same spirit exhibited by Post No. 113 at a time when the remembrances of the War were vivid and but slightly tempered by time.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30 falling on Sunday, the day was observed on Saturday, the 29th, in this Department.

The Post, with Rimbach's Band and escorted again by the Boston Light Infantry, marched to the Church of the Unity, where the usual G. A. R. ritual was given and an address delivered by the Rev. Minot J. Savage. The music at the church was of a high order.

Some little time after the action of the Post in allowing an ex-Confederate to unite with the Post in the Memorial exercises, it was publicly condemned by certain members of the Grand Army, including Past Commander Denny, causing a severe breach of good feeling among some of the Comrades.

Nearly all the participants in the controversy have passed beyond, and the mellowing influence of time long since ended all feeling of resentment occasioned by the incident. The

policy of the Post adopted in 1875 has, however, continued and been greatly extended and emphasized by subsequent events, without the slightest ill feeling or opposition.

The collections for Memorial Day observance amounted to $965, of which $700 was used for this purpose and the balance for relief.

Among the pleasant events of the following month was the presentation to the Post by Comrade John C. Putnam of the Rogers group, "Taking the Oath," and a fine engraving of the "First Blow for Liberty"; and by Comrade Luke R. Landy of a Bulletin Board. Comrade Augustus N. Sampson later presented a colossal bust of Daniel Webster.

STATUE OF "WAR GOVERNOR" ANDREW

In October, by special invitation, the Post attended with band the ceremonies of the unveiling and presentation of the statue of Governor John A. Andrew to the town of Hingham. Edward W. Kinsley, Esq., was a guest of the Post upon this occasion.

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 22 of this year is memorable for the introduction of the Anniversary reception and banquet, which thereafter became the permanent annual reunion feature of the Post. At its inception it was in the nature of an experiment.

The sixth anniversary of the preliminary meeting which resulted in the organization of Post No. 113 was celebrated by a grand reception and banquet given at the St. James Hotel, East Newton Street. It was in no sense a "Barmecide Feast"; on the contrary, the menu was unexcelled by any afforded in later years at Young's or Parker's.

Commander Blackmar presided. After an earnest speech of welcome, he announced the first toast, "The Department of Massachusetts." Major George S. Merrill, Department Commander, eloquently responded. "The Citizens who stood by Us," brought up Edward W. Kinsley, Esq., Governor Andrew's tried and trusty friend, whose presence and words always had a peculiar charm for the boys of "113." "The Commonwealth" was eulogized by her Secretary, Captain Henry B.

Pierce. The toast, "The Dead, Union and Confederate," was drunk standing and in silence, after which Mr. George B. Ford recited the beautiful poem, "The Blue and the Gray," with that rare oratorical skill and power for which he was so justly celebrated. In response to a rousing encore, he recited, "Mrs. Maloney on the Chinese Question," eliciting renewed applause. "To the men who made our victory at the front bear fruit at home," Hon. Alanson W. Beard delivered a stirring and patriotic speech. "The Militia of Massachusetts" was appropriately acknowledged by General F. W. Palfrey, former Commander of the Cadets.

Afterward Mr. Rollin M. Squire recited, by request, several of his war poems, which were enthusiastically applauded and added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Past Commander Sampson feelingly and eloquently spoke to the toast, "Our Past Commanders," in which he threaded the warp and woof of his ready allusions with many a sparkle of incident connected with the army. After much merry making, wit and singing of the old songs, the company parted with ever dear "Auld Lang Syne." It was a brilliant and happy company. None who participated will ever fail to recall with pleasure this first celebration of the Post's Anniversary.

INCREASE IN DUES

The Commander suggested that the Post give an entertainment to raise money, as the receipts were not enough to meet the current expenses, but instead it was voted to increase the Post dues from fifty cents per month to $10 per year, payable $5 semi-annually. The dues have since remained at this sum.

DEPARTMENT POLITICS

The year ended, as it commenced, by an innovation, consisting of a resolution instructing the delegates to the Department Convention to support Horace Binney Sargent of Post No. 15 for Department Commander. This was the first and only time any action was taken relative to Department matters or officers during the first thirty years of the Post's existence.

Comrade Charles Dodd died December 6 and was buried at Mt. Auburn.

ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the year was successful in a general sense, the meetings were better attended, some new recruits were obtained and much "dead-wood" was gotten rid of by suspensions and droppings. The principal events of the year were well carried out, and the membership was drawn closer together. Commander Blackmar left the Post strengthened in many respects, though the financial end was quite as weak in December as he found it the previous January.

CHAPTER XI

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-six

A Typical Camp Fire. Services May 30. Rev. William B. Wright, Orator. Department Parade. Finances. The Seventh Anniversary at Parker's. No Deaths.

AGAIN COMMANDER HOLLIS OF THE NAVY

PAST COMMANDER HOLLIS, after vainly endeavoring to avoid assuming the Commandership again, was at last persuaded, being assured of the hearty support of "all hands."

The officers were quietly installed by Comrade E. B. Blasland, detailed for that purpose by the Department.

LIST OF OFFICERS

Commander	J. Edward Hollis.
Senior Vice-Commander	Edward B. Robins.
Junior Vice-Commander	Luke R. Landy.
Adjutant	Thomas R. Mathews.
Quartermaster	Charles H. Boardman.
Surgeon	George T. Perkins.
Chaplain	J. Waldo Denny.
Officer of the Day	Edward B. Richardson.
Officer of the Guard	George C. Phillips.
Sergeant Major	Eugene H. Richards.
Quartermaster Sergeant	James Bruerton.
Trustee of Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar.

A TYPICAL "CAMP FIRE"

For the two previous years the old-time Camp Fire had been rather neglected; it was deemed wise to again bring it forward.

Somebody has said that if the Camp Fires — the actual out-of-door affairs, so named — of the War — were at all like those burnt at the headquarters of the Post No. 113, the boys were not to blame for perpetuating the illumination, as it was around these fires that the Homerics of the War, congenial to the universal heart, were given form and being; tales of danger, death and victory, of prowess, bravery and defeat, interspersed with

song and story and wild shouts that shook the starlit dome and surged away, drifting into the silence of forest and fell.

It was remarked upon the occasion of the first Camp Fire of this year that the curious attention of passers-by, hurrying through the chilly street, were attracted by the volleys of merriment that rattled roof and window-pane at Post No. 113 headquarters, and it was evident that the "boys" were very happy.

The Schumann Club sang with its accustomed power, and chased the flying hours away with melodious forces. Not the least among the pleasures of the evening was the well-managed appearance of the Georgia Minstrels, who took up their line of march from Beethoven Hall, escorted by the Post's "Lawrence Cadets," who after enjoying the generous spread of the festive board sang the sweet songs for which the "Contraband" was so justly celebrated. Their character songs were side-splitting, their religious pieces full of pathos, their ballads full of native tenderness, and they sang to an audience fitted to appreciate them by reason of an experience gained in every section of the land from which the shining, real ebony singers came.

To enumerate all of the pleasing doings would be impossible, though the "fire" was not banked for future use until the "wee sma hours"; but it had burned brightly!

The Post coöperated in a grand Camp Fire in Faneuil Hall, May 10; about four thousand veterans assembled in Boston upon this occasion.

MAY 30

Memorial services followed closely the usual custom.

The Post, with the Milford Brass Band and a Drum Corps, the "Boston Light Infantry" escorting, marched to the Common and from there to Berkeley Street Church.

The full decorative service of the Order was given, assisted by a select choir under the direction of Mr. H. L. Whitney.

The address of the day was delivered by the Rev. William B. Wright.

The Post afterward marched to the Infantry's Armory on West Concord Street, where a collation was served and the Post dismissed.

The collections for the day were $710 and expenses $406.20

The principal public exercises of the day, however, were con-

ducted by Post No. 15 at Music Hall, with an oration, music, etc., at which Governor Gaston, General Butler, the Collector of the Port and other prominent men were present.

An imposing parade by order of the Department Commander, was held October 11, in which the Post took part, though with considerable reluctance.

The accessions for the year were few, while there was a "General slaughter" as the record expresses it, of delinquents. The number was now being rapidly depleted, and there was more and more discussion and concern shown as to how money was to be obtained to meet the actual running expenses.

A suggestive act bearing upon the financial question of the time was a vote passed in the mid-year, that —

"The Trustee loan from the Relief Fund, a sum sufficient to enable the Quartermaster to pay all bills due, the loan to be repaid not later than January 1, 1877."

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

The social event of the year was the Anniversary banquet at the Parker House, November 22. One and another began to drop in at room No. 12 about 7.30 P.M.

From that on they continued to slowly gather, and about nine o'clock the signal was given and some seventy-five took seats at the tables.

Commander Hollis presided and Past Commander Sampson was Toast-master; vocal selections were rendered by a quartette from the Boylston Club. Governor Rice made a very appreciative speech. Collector Simmons responded for the President of the United States, and Mr. Kinsley delivered one of his anecdotal talks, always listened to with interest. General Horace Binney Sargent followed with the principal address of the evening, and the occasion was rounded out by lively speeches by Comrades Denny and Attwood, Hon. Henry L. Pierce, Colonel R. W. Libbey, Mr. F. E. Goodrich and an original poem by Mr. Rollin M. Squire. The evening closed about eleven o'clock.

No member was removed by death during the year.

NATHAN APPLETON
Post Commander, 1877 and 1878

CHAPTER XII

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-seven

Soldiers' Home. Memorial Day. Rev. John F. W. Ware, Orator. Dedication of Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Waning Interest. Anniversary at Young's. Removal of Department Headquarters. No Deaths.

AN ARTILLERY OFFICER CHOSEN

THE officers were installed by Past Commander Hollis.

Commander	Nathan Appleton.
Senior Vice-Commander	Thomas R. Mathews.
Junior Vice-Commander	Edward B. Richardson.
Adjutant	George C. Phillips.
Quartermaster	Charles H. Boardman.
Surgeon	George T. Perkins.
Chaplain	Edward J. Jones.
Officer of the Day	Augustine Sanderson.
Officer of the Guard	Nathaniel M. Putnam.
Sergeant Major	Eugene H. Richards.
Quartermaster Sergeant	James Bruerton.
Trustee Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar.

SOLDIERS' HOME

The principal matter of general interest in the Department was the effort made to provide a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Massachusetts. Strong appeals were sent out to each town and city, and the movement gained considerable impetus.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Up to the present year the Post had obtained photographs of uniform size and style of each deceased member, which were hung in the Post rooms. It is to be regretted that the custom was discontinued.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Post assembled at headquarters, with the Medford Band and escort. After marching to the various burial grounds and decorating the graves, they proceeded to the Arlington Street Church, which was well filled, and the regular G. A. R. exercises were performed. The music was provided by Mr. G. W. Sumner, organist, and choir, with the Schumann Club. The pastor of the church, Rev. John F. W. Ware, assisted by reading a portion of Scripture and prayer, and afterwards delivered an eloquent oration. The exercises closed with "America," and the Post repaired to the "Tigers'" Armory, where after partaking of a collation they were dismissed.

DEDICATION OF MONUMENT

The dedication of the magnificent Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Boston Common, designed by Martin Millmore, in September, was one of the finest public functions for many years. Post No. 113 took part, marching with the over sixty-seven hundred veterans of the G. A. R. forming the first grand division of the column, of whom sixteen hundred had been wounded in battle. The division was escorted by the State Militia.

The celebration was worthy of the occasion, and the Post received its full share of the applause from the thousands who witnessed the spectacle.

WANING INTEREST

The pressure of adverse conditions began to be seriously felt. The New Life so earnestly desired to revive and rejuvenate the Grand Army organization had not made its presence felt, and Post No. 113, in common with sister Posts, struggled to keep the spark from expiring. The interest still waned, and the Post meetings were again slimly attended.

The Commander was a gentleman of education, wealth and social standing, and, as far as these counted in the scale, gave the Post a certain prestige with the public; he also willingly contributed toward the running expenses, but nothing seemed to revive the interest of the members to any appreciable extent.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The eighth Anniversary was held at Young's Hotel, November 22, with a good attendance.

Commander Appleton presided and made quite a lengthy introductory address. Collector Simmons opened with an inspiring speech. Comrade Charles W. Wilson responded for the Navy, followed by Rev. Dr. Ware, Chaplain of 4th Battalion, M. V. M. Mr. Squire then gave an original poem. The toast "To our Dead Comrades" was drunk standing. Comrade George B. Ford recited "The Blue and the Gray," and as an encore gave "The Present Crisis," written by James Russell Lowell thirty years before. Colonel Randall, U. S. Army, responded for the Artillery, Hon. Henry B. Pierce and Comrade Hollis made good speeches and the postprandial closed by a recitation of "The Irish Sergeant" by Comrade Blackmar.

In December the Department headquarters were removed from No. 608 Washington Street, to 53 Tremont Street, Room 3, in the Suffolk Bank Building.

No deaths occurred during the year.

CHAPTER XIII

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-eight

Post No. 113 holds the First Memorial Service at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common. General Horace Binney Sargent, Orator. At the Church Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., Orator. Anniversary at Young's Hotel. Post not Prospering. Sketch of Commander Nathan Appleton.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON

Commander	Nathan Appleton.
Senior Vice-Commander	Albert W. Hersey.
Junior Vice-Commander	Daniel D. Wiley.
Adjutant	James R. Austin.
Quartermaster	Edward B. Richardson.
Surgeon	George T. Brown.
Chaplain	Luke R. Landy.
Officer of the Day	Nathaniel M. Putnam.
Officer of the Guard	James W. Dolliver.
Sergeant Major	Augustus N. Sampson.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Solomon Hovey, Jr.
Trustee Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar.

FIRST SERVICE AT THE MONUMENT

MAY 30 of this year marked the first decorative service at the new Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common.

The Post assembled at headquarters with the 5th Regiment Band and the escort of Company A, 4th Battalion ("Tigers"). The Commander's honorary staff consisted of Martin Millmore, designer of the new monument, Edward W. Kinsley, Esq., and Colonel Augustus P. Martin. General Horace Binney Sargent and Major Pierce joined the Post at the Monument.

In preparation for the event the Monument had been festooned with Kalmia or laurel wreaths, relieved by hothouse plants placed on the steps between the bronzed figures.

After the regular G. A. R. decorative service had been given,

General Sargent was introduced and delivered the following address: —

Address of General Horace Binney Sargent

"*Mr. Commander, Comrades and Fellow-citizens:* To-day a nation honors men who died for it. This memorial shaft commemorates the triumphant anguish of a dark hour. It tells us of the patriotism of the citizens of Boston — of *her* heroism and *her* heroes. It is a solace to those who have mourned the bereavements of war; and it is a silent teacher of generations of men. Here the aged patriot may refresh his heart and the schoolboy may learn the philosophy of History — that the angel of Liberty gives to every nation its heroic age, its Marathon and its Thermopylæ.

"The chief city of Massachusetts here records, in bronze and granite, the virtue of her citizens who gave their substance, their labors and their prayers to the Union. We, the survivors of regiments and batteries and ships of war, strew wreaths to-day for those who gave their *lives* for it by land and sea; dead comrades, dead! who fought and fell to leave us a mighty nation undivided, with all her people free.

"Once more, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, once more, you come with the step and serried ranks of the old time. With the familiar drum-beat and the dear old bugle ring, by tens and hundreds you come, as once you came by thousands.

"My fellow-citizens of Boston — Behold the skeletons of regiments! where are your legions? Come with me to your State Capitol. Enter with me that sublime chamber, where 265 battle-flags, resting with folded wings like cherubim and seraphim, continually tell the transcendent story of your sons. Those tattered, blood-gilded battle-flags never forget!

"Watch, with me, under that dome, while some broken-down soldier seeks the flag of his regiment. Look at him when he finds it! That torn banner, hanging so breathlessly still, night and day since the War, that the dust of twelve years ago rests on it now, is a phonograph of the past. The shred, the rag of fringe that clings to the splintered staff, passes with electric thrill before his memory. Look at him now, when the roof trembles, and the whole city shakes, with the volleyed thunders of Gettysburg! Under the electric fire of a soldier's heart, those battle-flags never forget! All is repeated to his listening ear; the rattle of musketry, the crash and roar of cannon, the roll of the drum, the blare of the trumpet, the neighing of horses, the vibrating tones of fierce command, the answering cheer, the rush, the yell, the oath, the gasp, the prayer, the jarring laughter out of the black smoke, the deep diapason of the distant guns in battery — all come back, with even the plaintive voice of some lone twittering woodland bird, in the strange after silence, with the whisper of the dying and the spirit-like sigh of the rent banner as it sways against the staff in the soft wind overhead — all, all come back from the old-time fields, stormy fields

of triumphant anguish in the past; fields peaceful enough now with that peace which passeth all understanding; peaceful fields, where forgiving nature's wild flowers on every Memorial Day decorate the shattered cannon, and bloom out of the eyeless skull. Those battle-flags never forget!

"Most fitting is it that this tribute of art should be planted in the garden of the people of this old Revolutionary town. Most fitting that it should overlook the training field that has echoed with the tramp of Boston regiments drilling for the war of the great rebellion, and with the well-remembered tones of stern command from lips now silent in heroic graves. This column looks on the place where, from ancient days, the Governors of Massachusetts have, with military pageant, taken the chair of office. By this spot you, Comrades, have marched to receive the State's pale banner from the hands of the greatest of them all. And here, as war-worn veterans of a hundred fights, returning with your battle-flags all wreathed with triumph — that banner — no longer pale — you have passed on your way to surrender to him — true, tender friend of soldiers and the State — the ensanguined standards that you had never yielded to her foes.

"Immortal memories cling to these hills. Regenerate freedom, crimsoned by the sword, but stained no longer by the lash, commemorates here her agony of glory. All hail! Free States and nation! All hail! Memorial Day of Boston's martial dead! Aye, Comrades, wreathe this shaft with garlands for all her loyal brave! Liberty, sown in anger and in tears, is reaped with love and joy by a more than ever united people. The cannon are silent, the sword is sheathed; a nation of war-worn men, who have been foemen in an unhappy past, now clasp mailed hands together, and, with the words of angels, swell the harvest song of freedom, 'peace and good-will to men.'"

At its conclusion the Post marched to the different burial grounds and decorated the graves. The march was then taken up for the South Congregational Church on Union Park Street, where the full service was performed. The music was furnished by Mrs. H. F. Knowles, Miss A. G. Spring, A. A. Brown and Walter Davenport. Mr. Geo. B. Ford read "The Blue and the Gray," and Colonel Charles H. Clarke sang the "Memorial Hymn." Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., the orator of the day, delivered a fine address in which he drew special lessons of "what the Army has to teach the Nation." The church was well filled, and the Post never looked better.

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY

The year passed quickly without any special features or events of note. November 22 brought the Post reunion at

Young's when a goodly number with invited guests sat together again at the banquet board.

Commander Appleton presided. The speakers responded to the usual toasts, and altogether it was a pleasant occasion, without any special enthusiasm.

The principal speakers were Collector Beard, ex-Collector Simmons, Major Bell, Chaplain Quint, Comrades Hollis and Blackmar. The evening was filled out by songs and recitations. Among the other guests present were Colonel William V. Hutchins, Major Dewey and Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Stevens.

THE POST NOT PROSPERING

Notwithstanding the good front shown by the Post in public May 30 and November 22, it was in reality only kept going by the stout hearts and active efforts of a mere handful of Comrades. The second year of Commander Appleton's administration was less successful than the first. He had been travelling abroad most of the previous year and had also been absent from the State much of the time during the present one, and the Commander's work largely fell upon the Senior Vice-Commander. As is usual in cases where the actual head of an organization is absent or unable from any cause to discharge his duties, the subordinate acts under a restraint; he often hesitates to assume responsibilities and is satisfied to act in a more or less perfunctory way, continuing the mere routine without rising to the necessities of the hour.

This is exactly what occurred in the present case. It is not to be wondered that doubts arose in the minds of many as to whether it would be practicable to continue the Post organization.

Comrade James M. Richardson died October 7 and was buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Brookline.

NATHAN APPLETON

Service, Civil War.	5th Mass. Light Battery. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain, Aide-de-camp, Staff of General Wainwright, Commanding Artillery Brigade, 5th Army Corps.
Service, M. V. M.	Captain, and Assistant Inspector-General. Staff Governor Andrew, Captain, Light Battery, "A."

Commander Appleton or Captain Nathan Appleton, as he always delighted to call himself, and by which title he was universally spoken of and known during the remainder of his life, after the War, was in many respects a remarkable man.

His life was his own, and there was no duplicate. He was known almost the world over as a soldier, writer, diplomat and traveller; a member of the aristocratic society, not only of Boston and New York, but of nearly every capital of Europe.

Captain Appleton was the friend of leading men in many walks. Famed as one of the literati of the latter part of the nineteenth century, as an intimate and relative of the family of the poet Longfellow, he was a man of international reputation.

He was born February 2, 1843, and was graduated from Harvard with the famous class of '63. Upon his graduation he was appointed Second Lieutenant of the 5th Massachusetts Battery, and at once began his distinguished service in the Civil War. While an aide on the staff of General C. S. Wainwright, Appleton was severely wounded in the figh ing on the Virginia Central Railroad, and was breveted as Captain for gallant and meritorious conduct on the field.

Like many men of leisure, Captain Appleton took a grand tour abroad after the close of the War, and travelled in Europe in 1866 and 1867.

He was a delegate of the Boston Board of Trade at the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, and immediately after began to interest himself in the Panama Canal project. He allied himself with Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, of French Panama Canal fame, a man who from then on became his hero and master. He also allied himself with the house of Bowles Brothers, bankers in London, Paris and the United States, a rash speculative venture which, in 1872, ended in disaster, and financially ruined many. Captain Appleton had technical opportunity for evading his obligations, but he put the whole of his private fortune at the disposal of the creditors, and came out of the affair plucked clean, but with flying colors. His brother, Thomas Gold Appleton, shared generously with Nathan during his life, as he did in the testamentary disposition of his property.

Meantime Captain Appleton kept busy along many lines at home and abroad. He was a representative at the French

exposition of 1878. In 1879, at the Canal International Congress, he appeared as an ardent supporter of the Panama route. He accompanied De Lesseps to Panama in 1870, and loyally supported his chief in the then much-mooted route question.

Captain Appleton had many eccentricities, but withal was a most genial man, and retained his affection for Post No. 113 to the end. He attended the meetings from time to time and delivered many addresses upon various subjects before the Post and its guests.

Upon the more important Grand Army functions held in Boston he took pleasure in representing the Post upon prominent committees.

Captain Appleton passed beyond, August 25, 1906, at the Hotel Nottingham, Boston, and his funeral was held in King's Chapel under the direction of the Post.

"On fame's eternal camping ground,
His silent tent is spread."

CHAPTER XIV

Eighteen Hundred Seventy-nine

Memorial Day. Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar, Orator. The Post Declining and Surrender of Charter Considered. Tenth Anniversary at Young's.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER BLACKMAR

Commander	Albert W. Hersey.
Senior Vice-Commander	Daniel D. Wiley.
Junior Vice-Commander	Louis N. Tucker.
Adjutant	Luke R. Landy. Henry W. Fernald. Vice Landy resigned.
Quartermaster	Edward B. Richardson.
Surgeon	George T. Perkins.
Chaplain	George A. Sawin.
Officer of the Day	Thomas H. Atwood.
Officer of the Guard	W. Wallace Waugh.
Sergeant Major	Thomas R. Mathews.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Solomon Hovey, Jr.
Trustee Relief Fund	J. Edward Hollis.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common was impressively draped, and the base held tropical plants. The Post, escorted by Company K, 1st Infantry, with the Medford Band, left headquarters and took up the march to the monument via City Hall and the State House. At the former place Mayor Prince and members of the city government, and at the latter Governor Talbot and staff, joined the column. A large concourse of citizens were present, including Martin Millmore, the artist, General A. P. Martin and others. The Rev. Minot J. Savage offered prayer, and vocal selections were given by the Schubert Club; then followed the G. A. R. service concluding with an earnest address by Comrade Wilmon W. Blackmar, and a musical selection. The Post returned direct to headquarters and was dismissed.

ALBERT W. HERSEY

Post Commander, 1879 and 1880

POST DECLINING

For some years it had been only too evident that the Post was not holding its own, and it was harder each succeeding year to pay legitimate expenses, though usually sufficient had been collected to meet the outlay for Memorial Days.

Each new Commander, however, assumed his duties with a seeming conviction that he held the wand of destiny, and failure was impossible.

Each Commander promptly promulgated his panacea and summoned the Comrades to his banner.

It was Thoreau who announced the theory that building air castles was a good business, — "if you put good foundations under them." Whether the optimistic statements issued year after year to the effect that the Post was "in a flourishing condition," "well established," "financially prosperous," "on a permanently sound basis," etc., constituted a "good foundation," may well be doubted.

The "but" which always accompanied the roseate statements indicated "a fly in the ointment." The real difficulty lay in the decline of the Order in public estimation, and was strongly manifested by the lack of personal interest of the Post membership. The real truth was, few attended the meetings, and it was generally difficult to drum up a sufficient number to temporarily fill the few official chairs.

Again, few paid their dues; many resigned and were discharged; others transferred or allowed their membership to lapse by suspension or dropping from the roll; in brief, the accessions were few and the losses many.

The prospects of the Post were now less auspicious than ever before; burdened with a decreasing and unresponsive membership, the Commander was only cheered by receiving for the year one sole, solitary new member, who from some cause strayed into the fold on a belated transfer. Under these circumstances the advisability of winding up the Post's affairs was seriously considered, and the number favoring this step gradually increased as time and difficulties advanced. The condition of Post No. 113 was not exceptional; sister organizations were also having a struggle for existence, while many in fact succumbed.

ANNIVERSARY

The tenth annual reunion and banquet, November 22, at Young's, was fairly well attended. Commander Hersey presided and Comrade Blackmar was Toast-master. The speakers were Collector Beard, General J. H. Wilson, U. S. Army, Colonel R. M. Pulsifer and Mr. Edward W. Kinsley.

A fine gold badge of the United States Cavalry Association was presented to Toast-Master Blackmar by Comrade Attwood, in honor of the recipient's recent election as Vice-President of the Association.

Comrade John C. Putnam died June 24 and was buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

CHAPTER XV

Eighteen Hundred Eighty

Memorial Services at Boston and Hingham. Colonel Thomas W. Higginson, Orator at Boston. Past Commander Blackmar, Orator at Hingham. The 250th Anniversary of Boston. Honors shown the Langston Guards of Norfolk, Virginia. The Post Charter Saved. Eleventh Anniversary at Young's. Sketch of Commander Albert W. Hersey.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON

Commander	Albert W. Hersey.
Senior Vice-Commander	Louis N. Tucker.
Junior Vice-Commander	Edward J. Jones.
Adjutant	Henry W. Fernald.
Quartermaster	Silas Sanborn, Jr.
Surgeon	George T. Perkins.
Chaplain	George A. Sawin.
Officer of the Day	Charles H. Boardman.
Officer of the Guard	W. Wallace Waugh.
Sergeant Major	Nathaniel M. Putnam.
Quartermaster Sergeant	E. Clifford Walker.
Trustee Relief Fund	J. Edward Hollis.

COLONEL THOMAS W. HIGGINSON, ORATOR, MAY 29

THE ceremonies of Memorial Day were this year celebrated Saturday, May 29. The services were divided into two parts: in the morning at Boston and the afternoon at Hingham. Assembling at headquarters at 9 A.M., the Post, lead by the Medford Band and escorted by Company K, 1st Regiment, M. V. M., marched to City Hall, and Mayor Prince, members of the city government and heads of departments were received; thence to the State House, where Governor Long and staff joined the procession, and all proceeded to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, which had been previously decorated with cut flowers and a large number of potted plants.

Unusual interest in the services was manifested by the large number of citizens present, many doubtless anxious to hear the orator of the occasion, Colonel Thomas W. Higginson. The exercises commenced by the band playing "Niebelungen"; the formal decorative G. A. R. service was then performed, and Colonel Higginson delivered in a clear and distinct voice, heard by all, the oration of the day.

AT HINGHAM

At the close of the services at the Common, the Post and escort, with Governor John D. Long and staff, marched to the wharf and took boat for Hingham.

The ceremonies of the afternoon were conducted by the united aid of Posts No. 104 of Hingham, No. 112 of South Scituate, No. 58 of Weymouth and No. 113 of Boston.

After partaking of dinner at Agricultural Hall, services were held in the upper hall, consisting of music, prayer and an oration by Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar, then Judge Advocate-General on the staff of Governor Long.

Line was then formed, and the Posts, with a large number of citizens, proceeded to the Hingham Cemetery. The Soldiers' Monument was first visited, where, after a dirge by the Medford Band and remarks by Commander Reed, Post No. 104 decorated the soldiers' graves. All then repaired to the grave of Governor Andrew, and after an eloquent address by Governor Long the monument and statue were decorated. Post No. 113 returned by the evening boat and was dismissed.

THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BOSTON

The two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Boston, September 17, was an occasion of much interest to every one residing in the vicinity.

The ceremonies were elaborate and attracted the leading men and women of the land, especially New England. The exercises commenced the evening before at Faneuil Hall, with a brilliant opening, which included two solid hours of oratory. The honors were carried off by the venerable Robert C. Winthrop, the witty and polished William M. Evarts, the stately General Charles Devens and the unassuming but skilful Mayor Prince. A great

reception was accorded Mayor Courtenay of Charleston, South Carolina, which was regarded as remarkable in view of the violent attacks that had appeared in certain papers, directed against the Southern people, since Post No. 113 had affiliated with ex-Confederates five years before on a Memorial Day.

The grand parade on the 17th was participated in by most of the Suffolk County Posts of the G. A. R., John A. Hawes, Department Commander, and Charles B. Fox, Division Marshal, General A. P. Martin being Marshal-in-Chief. The following Comrades who were then, or have since been members of Post No. 113, acted in some official capacity in the parade, viz. Alline, Attwood, C. G., Blackmar, Bixby, Boardman, Dalton, Davis, Field, Jr., Gelray, Horton, Haldeman, Henry, Hersey, Hiscock, Ingalls, Jones, Marion, Meserve, Millar, Parker, B. S., Pope, Richardson, Robins, Reed, C. W., Sampson, Sanborn, Jr., Tucker, Louis N., Trull and Wales.

The column also contained many Civic Societies, the Militia, several regiments of the National Guard of New York and the Langston Guard of Norfolk, Virginia. All made a fine appearance. The company from Virginia naturally attracted much attention and was cordially received.

The various attendant meetings of the day, concerts, etc., were numerous, but need not be mentioned here.

POST SAVES CHARTER

The general affairs of the Post reached their lowest ebb in the autumn and winter of this year. Practically without revenue, with a mere nominal membership, very, very few taking any interest in the Post, the question of surrendering the charter was brought up for serious action. As many members as possible had been induced to attend a meeting to act upon a motion to disband the organization; the subject was debated with great earnestness. Comrades Blackmar and others had come to believe that further struggle to keep up the present organization was futile, and advocated the surrender of the charter, proposing as a substitute the forming of an Army and Navy Club or Veterans' Association. This was strongly combated by Comrades Sampson, Landy, Mathews and Sanderson. Comrade Sampson was especially determined and insistent that the Post should continue. Upon the test vote a majority favored

retaining the charter and fighting it out, believing, with Harriet Beecher Stowe, that: —

"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and the time that the tide will turn."

The turning point in the life of Post No. 113 had been reached.

Of course new appeals were now put forth, and a variety of changes in methods, times and number of meetings, etc., were tried, with little response by the members, and there really was no new encouragement forthcoming for the remainder of the year.

THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

November 22 again found the Post at Young's with quite a distinguished number of guests; for a good dinner always brought them. There was a fair attendance of Comrades and a successful reunion.

Commander Hersey presided, and after a short speech of welcome introduced Past Commander Sampson as Toast-master. Assistant Adjutant-General Kingsbury responded for Governor Long, who was unable to be present. Mayor Prince was next introduced "as a real live prince," and spoke very pleasantly. He said he regretted that he was not one of the Comrades, but had had two brothers in the War and his interest in the Post was sincere. Cobb Brothers sang "Ye Sons of Freedom," and as an encore "I'm Wearing Awa', Jean." Mr. Edward W. Kinsley was received with a storm of applause and related some war incidents. Monsieur Verleye, French Consul at Boston, Comrades Charles B. Fox, ex-Collector Simmons and Mr. T. H. Hill were the other speakers. F. G. Reynolds gave Irish recitations, and Cobb Brothers sang "Dutch Opera." The evening's entertainment closed with the song "The Heart Bowed Down," by Charles T. Dolan.

Comrade George T. Perkins, the Post Surgeon, passed from earth December 7, and was laid at rest in Grace Church Cemetery, Newton Lower Falls.

ALBERT W. HERSEY

Service, Civil War.	51st Massachusetts Infantry.
Service, M. V. M.	Militia Company District No. 186. Captain.
	Roxbury City Guards (1st Regiment Infantry). 1st Lieutenant; Captain.
	1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Mustering Officer.

Commander Hersey was one of the early members who united with the Post soon after its organization in 1870, and whose connection has been continuous until the present time. His election as Vice-Commander and Commander came during the most critical years Post No. 113 has experienced. It was a period when the Grand Army in this Department was sorely tried and immediately preceded the revival which appeared soon after his term ended.

An inspection of the roll of officers shows the many stations which he has filled, but the most important, perhaps, is his continuous service as one of the Trustees of the Relief Fund, extending from the institution of the Board until the present time. He has outlived both of his contemporaries, and the years still rest lightly upon his shoulders. He has learned the secret of carrying life's burdens with equanimity, serene in the confident belief that as each day's duties come, so will his strength be. Verily a great truth that many another Comrade might well practise with profit and added years.

"Sing a song o' sunshine,
Live a life of cheer.
Smile instead of frowning,
Never fret or fear;

"Do your duty gayly,
Cast your cares aside,
There is sunshine somewhere,
Choose life's sunny side."

CHAPTER XVI

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-one

A Discouraging Outlook. A Turn in the Road. Reception to Commander-in-Chief Wagner. May 30 made a Legal Holiday. Grand Memorial Parade. Special Services by Post No. 113. Governor John D. Long, Orator. Soldiers' Home Established. Death of President Garfield. Post Anniversary. The Tide had Turned. Revival of Post.

officers installed by past commander albert w. hersey

Commander	Thomas R. Mathews.
Senior Vice-Commander	Henry W. Fernald.
Junior Vice-Commander	Cyrus S. Haldeman.
Adjutant	Thomas H. Atwood.
Quartermaster	W. Wallace Waugh.
Surgeon	Dr. Joseph H. Warren.
Chaplain	George A. Sawin.
Officer of the Day	Charles H. Boardman.
Officer of the Guard	Russell Carruth.
Sergeant Major	Eugene H. Richards.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustus N. Sampson.
Trustee Relief Fund	J. Edward Hollis.

a discouraging outlook

A MAJORITY of those present at a regular meeting had decided to hold on to the charter and endeavor to place the Post in a better financial position.

The next thing was to carry this out. How could it be done?

The new Board of officers was confronted with the proposition of taking an organization with a membership who neither attended the meetings, nor paid their dues to defray necessary expenses, and in a general condition of decay which had existed for several years.

It was certainly a discouraging outlook for the administration that had just come into power. Commander Mathews, however, bravely assumed the reins, adopting the sentiment of the

THOMAS R. MATHEWS
Post Commander, 1881 and 1882

old saying that "If we do not try to do our best to-day, we have no reasonable right to expect that to-morrow will be an improvement on it." He forthwith made a careful study of existing conditions and proceeded to formulate plans for the rehabilitation of the Post.

A TURN IN THE ROAD

Commander Mathews's study of the situation convinced him that several changes were imperative, the two most important being the necessity of materially reducing expenses and the adoption of measures to bring the Post members into closer touch with each other. The nominal membership was about thirty-five, while the active contingent could be numbered on the fingers and thumbs.

To effect the first object, the headquarters, No. 608 Washington Street, were given up; this large item of expense had been the most difficult to meet for several years.

To attain the second object, it was determined to hold the meetings at Young's Hotel, where a light lunch was to be served, without expense to the members. At first, some ten or twelve attended, the number increasing as the year went on.

This arrangement caused considerable criticism among the other Boston Posts; some claiming that "113" was no longer a Grand Army Post, but simply a club; that it had no facilities for carrying on Post work and was not, in fact, doing anything that entitled it to hold a Charter. To meet one of these objections, it was the practice to take the charter to Young's each meeting, where it was hung up on the wall. Whatever business there was to do, and it was very little, as there were no applications, was transacted in a few minutes, and the rest of the evening was devoted to the lunch and social converse. It was understood that each person present must take some part in enlivening the occasion.

The result was that a good many antiquated "Chestnuts" were cracked, but, all in all, it brought the "boys" together, and the spirit of fraternity grew apace. Various devices or harmless pranks were originated to make fun and good feeling. For instance, upon one occasion a certain member, somewhat noted for perpetrating stories of ancient lineage, arose and commenced to speak; on the instant every one else, as if by intuition, quickly

slid under the table, much to the surprise and discomfiture of the story-teller. Similar odd doings put each attendant on his mettle and created merriment. There was always "a skirmish of wit between them."

During the latter part of this year, to obviate the criticisms which still continued, a small room was hired for one meeting a month, at No. 176 Tremont Street. The important meeting of the month, however, was still held at Young's with the lunch and social attachment.

After a time the lunches were made more substantial, and occasionally one or more guests were invited, whose gifts of speech, story, song or other diversion increased the attractiveness of the gatherings and contributed to the end the Commander had in view.

It is human nature to do gladly those things that appeal to inclination or pleasure, and there is usually a willingness to pay liberally to promote them, while the call of mere duty or the moral obligation attached to a membership in any association that has ceased to attract is carried lightly and grudgingly. In this instance human nature followed the usual trend. As the membership drew together, personal interest in the Post increased, financial obligations were again recognized and the Quartermaster's heart was gladdened by the payment of dues many, many months in arrears. It was not long before the new policy adopted bore fruit, not only in increased revenue, but in the more important matter of strengthening the ties of fraternity and harmony, which constitute the true basis and support of all human society.

From the dozen that first attended the "lunch meetings" the number gradually increased, till toward the end of the year the average number was about twenty-five; thus a majority of the membership were included in the new awakening and quickening.

Lord Stowell was right in saying, "A dinner lubricates business."

RECEPTION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WAGNER

April 22 a reception was given in honor of the visit of Commander-in-Chief Louis Wagner, at Faneuil Hall, in which the Post participated.

MAY 30 A LEGAL HOLIDAY

Sixteen years after the close of the war, Memorial Day or, as first denominated, "Decoration Day," was made a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

GRAND MEMORIAL PARADE

The most extensive celebration of Memorial Day in Boston occurred on May 30 of this year.

The event took the character of a public parade with memorial exercises at Tremont Temple. Colonel Augustus P. Martin was Chief Marshal, and the column was made up of the following organizations, viz. — 1st Battalion of Cavalry (Companies A and D), 9th Regiment of Infantry, Company L, 6th Regiment of Infantry and Battery A, Light Artillery, of the M. V. M., the Suffolk County Association G. A. R., Charles B. Fox commanding. Posts Nos. 11, 15 and 68, 1st Corps of Cadets, M. V. M., escorting Governor John D. Long and staff. Posts Nos. 113, 134, 149, 2 and 21, visiting Posts and barges with disabled veterans, and a detachment of Boston High School Regiment, escorting Mayor Frederick O. Prince and city government in carriages. The principal organizations were provided with music. At the close of the parade, exercises were held at the Temple, consisting of a Grand Army service and an oration by Governor Long. Music was furnished by a select chorus of one hundred fifty school children, under the direction of Mr. Julius Eichberg, Mr. Weston, organist. A large number of prominent citizens were present.

SPECIAL SERVICES BY POST NO. 113

The Post, after decorating the graves and tablets in the city proper, marched to the Common, where it held its usual services at the Monument, followed by an appropriate address by Commander Mathews, after which it joined the column for the parade and attended the exercises at Tremont Temple.

In the afternoon the Post partook of the regular monthly dinner at Young's.

SOLDIERS' HOME

An important event of the year was the purchase of the "Highland Park House," on Powder Horn Hill, Chelsea, for a Soldiers' Home, thus bringing to fruition a hope long cherished by the Grand Army of the Department, and in which Post No. 113 had done its full share to accomplish.

Later in the year the Post gave very substantial aid toward the success of a grand Fair, held in Mechanics Building, from which the sum of $45,804.76 was netted in aid of the Home.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD

September was saddened by the death of Comrade James A. Garfield, President of the United States, at the hand of an assassin.

ANNIVERSARY, NOVEMBER 22

The twelfth reunion and banquet at Young's was well attended, and many guests were present. Commander Mathews presided. In closing his speech of welcome, he introduced Past Commander Sampson as Toast-master. A letter from Governor Long was read, and Comrade Blackmar, Judge Advocate on his staff, responded. A letter of regret was also read from Mayor Prince, and President Pratt of the Common Council spoke for the city. A letter from Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill followed. Department Commander Creasey spoke for the Department, and Comrade Fox, for the Suffolk County Association, made an eloquent speech. The Association of Company F, 44th Regiment, dining in an adjoining room, were invited in and joined in the postprandial exercises; its president, Cyrus Cobb, thanking the Post for the courtesy.

The other speakers were ex-Collector Simmons, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley and Samuel Cobb of the *Home Journal*.

To "Our Departed Comrades" the Lotus Glee Club sang "The Soldier's Farewell."

The exercises were interesting and enjoyed by all, though less enthusiasm was manifested than upon some previous anniversaries.

THE TIDE HAD TURNED

Although not a single accession had been gained to the membership during the year, it was evident that the tide had indeed turned and Post No. 113 had experienced new hope and courage. The "dead-wood" had been largely eliminated, and the remaining members had closed up the ranks and were standing together as they had not before for many a year. Confident hope and willing hearts welcomed the future of "113."

Comrade Horace McMurtrie passed onward December 1 and was placed at rest in Mt. Auburn.

CHAPTER XVII

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-two

The New System Continued. Banquet to Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill. Ceremonies by Suffolk County Association, May 30. Services by Post No. 113. Charles E. Pratt, Esq., Orator. The Grand Army again in Favor. Return to No. 608 Washington Street. Second Grand Fair in Aid of Soldiers' Home. Anniversary Reception and Banquet, with "Ladies' Night." Inspection. Growth of Relief Fund. Great Results. Post Rehabilitated. Sketch of Commander Thomas R. Mathews.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER J. EDWARD HOLLIS

Commander	Thomas R. Mathews.
Senior Vice-Commander	Henry W. Fernald.
Junior Vice-Commander	Cyrus S. Haldeman.
Adjutant	Thomas H. Atwood.
Quartermaster	W. Wallace Waugh.
Surgeon	Dr. J. H. Warren.
Chaplain	George A. Sawin.
Officer of the Day	Augustine Sanderson.
Officer of the Guard	E. Clifford Walker.
Sergeant Major	Eugene H. Richards.
Quartermaster Sergeant	William K. Millar.
Trustee Relief Fund	J. Edward Hollis.

THE NEW SYSTEM CONTINUED

THE general system inaugurated by Commander Mathews and followed with such good results the previous year was continued. The monthly lunches were held and gradually elaborated into substantial dinners, at which additional guests were entertained. In January Colonel Arnold A. Rand was present; in February, Hon. Charles E. Pratt; in March, Mayor Green and others, with the Lotus Glee Club.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MERRILL

The first event of interest was the banquet held at Young's Hotel in honor of Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill, at which many of the Post were present.

MAY 30

The ceremonies of Memorial Day again took on a general character. Post No. 113, after making the customary decorations in the morning, reassembled at 2 P.M. and escorted by Company D, 1st Infantry, M. V. M., marched to City Hall, where they were joined by Mayor Green and the City Government; thence to the Monument on the Common, where the ritual was followed and an address made by Charles E. Pratt, Esq., President of the Common Council. The line was then re-formed, and the Post took its place in the column on Beacon Street composed of the Posts of the Suffolk County Association, after which the march was taken up to Mechanics Building. The services there were under the direction of the association.

At 6 P.M. the Post returned to its headquarters and thence adjourned to Young's Hotel, where the regular monthly dinner was enjoyed. Among the guests were Mayor Green, Hon. Charles E. Pratt, the Post orator of the day, and Martin Millmore, sculptor of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

THE GRAND ARMY AGAIN IN FAVOR

The change in the temper of the public toward the Grand Army had been very marked for several years, and in the Western States the organization was rapidly regaining its lost prestige. The East, with its usual conservatism, was slower in participating in the wave of popularity, but it was working as a silent influence and doubtless aided the revivifying of the Post internally during the year just passed. The outward manifestation of returning popularity was early shown in 1882 by many applications for reinstatements of dropped or suspended members, and the additions of new members by transfer and initiations.

Department Commander Patch estimated that of the one hundred sixty thousand sent to the war by Massachusetts at least forty thousand were alive and eligible for membership in the Grand Army, while the membership, May 1, was only about eleven thousand. An earnest appeal was made to all Posts to push recruiting for the Order.

RETURN TO NO. 608 WASHINGTON STREET

To meet the new conditions, Preble Hall at No. 176 Tremont Street was hired, but before many months had elapsed the Post found itself again back at the old stand at No. 608 Washington Street, in connection with the headquarters of the 1st Regiment Infantry, M. V. M., of which Comrade Nathaniel Wales was Colonel, and who the same year became the General Commanding the 1st Brigade, of which the 1st Regiment formed a part. Comrade Austin C. Wellington succeeded to the Colonelcy of the Regiment.

The Post meetings again became well attended, and the old spirit of comradeship was again shown.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME AGAIN

The Post again came to the front in support of another Fair given by the Suffolk County Posts in aid of the new Soldiers' Home, held at Horticultural Hall, on Tremont Street, in November, at which Past Commander Augustus N. Sampson was Chief Marshal, supported by all the members of the Post and their lady friends. The financial result of the Post's exertions was very flattering. The total amount netted for the Home was nearly eight thousand dollars, which was more than all the other Posts in the Department contributed.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The thirteenth annual banquet, usually held November 22, was, on account of the Soldiers' Home Fair, deferred to December 8, at which time it took the form of a "Ladies' Night," in recognition of the excellent work done by the ladies in support of the efforts of the Post upon that occasion.

The reception and banquet were given at the Parker House, at which Governor Long and other distinguished guests were present.

An elaborate menu was served, and the musical, dramatic and literary entertainment was of a high order.

Commander Mathews presided and in a happy manner welcomed all to the banquet, warmly thanking the ladies for their devotion and self-sacrificing labors for the old soldiers during the recent Fair.

Comrade Eugene H. Richards acted as Toast-master in a pleasing manner.

The speakers were Governor Long for the State, Hon. Charles E. Pratt for the city, Department Commander Patch for the Grand Army, and Past Commander Blackmar for the ladies.

About one hundred and twenty-five enjoyed the evening, which was in all respects a pronounced success.

INSPECTION

The Post was inspected by Comrade Samuel D. Cushing, Aide-de-Camp on the Department staff.

RESULTS

The trite saying that "nothing succeeds like success" was fully illustrated by the two years' administration of Commander Mathews.

The additions to the membership the present year were sixteen; the losses by death, two — Comrades George J. Thompson in September and Charles L. Merrill, December 13. In closing his second year, Commander Mathews was able to announce that his plans for the Post had proved an unqualified success. In his report he says: —

> "The meetings were fully attended, a goodly number of unexceptional members having been added to the roll, and the Post has attained a sound financial condition, having no outstanding debts and a handsome balance in the treasury."

In truth, a record of results, of which any man might well be proud!

GROWTH OF RELIEF FUND

> "Ah, take the Cash, and let the Promise go,
> Nor heed the music of a distant Drum!"
>
> —*Omar Khayyam.*

As already noted, the Post Relief Fund was established in 1872, and placed in the charge of a single trustee, without power of expenditure; this prerogative being exclusively exercised by special vote of the Post, as occasion from time to time arose.

From 1872 to 1881 the condition of the fund was subject to

many and various vicissitudes. It was "borrowed," from time to time, to eke out the depleted treasury of the Quartermaster for current expenses, and it was also used to make up deficiencies of Memorial Day collections.

Upon one occasion the fund was split in half by the failure of a bank where it was deposited. The fund, originally five hundred dollars, had reached its lowest figure in 1881.

In 1883 Commander Mathews became Chairman of the Memorial Day Finance Committee, and thereafter each year a substantial sum was added to the fund after paying the expenses of the day. The fund was also increased by several special efforts made by the Post.

During the succeeding fifteen years the sums collected by Comrades Mathews, Sanderson, Sanborn and others were very large, and at the time Comrade Mathews relinquished the onerous duties of Chairman, he had the satisfaction of knowing that the fund had accumulated from an insignificant sum to over twenty thousand dollars. A record for him and his able associates that the Post and future beneficiaries will remember with gratitude and lively appreciation!

Since that time the fund has been more than kept good, notwithstanding the large amounts annually donated for charity, by the excellent work of Comrade Adams and his co-workers upon the same Committee. With the new life and activities which sprang forth in 1882 the plan of a board of three trustees of the Relief Fund was substituted for the single trusteeship, but the Post still held to itself the power of voting from time to time such sums for relief purposes as it deemed best. Past Commanders Hollis, Blackmar and Hersey were chosen the first board of trustees, commencing their duties in January, 1883. They were subsequently annually reëlected up to 1899, when Past Commander Hollis was taken away by death, and Past Commander Ira B. Goodrich was chosen to fill the vacancy. In 1905 Past Commander Blackmar followed Past Commander Hollis, and his place on the board was filled by the choice of Comrade James Bruerton, who was also taken in January, 1908, and was replaced by Past Commander George H. Graves. In 1899 the Post, adopting a new code of By-Laws, relinquished all control over the Relief Fund by giving to the trustees absolute power as to the holding and expenditure

thereof. This change was not apparently understood until brought out a year or so later, when the Post attempted to vote a small donation from this fund.

A subsequent proposal to amend the By-Laws, partially restoring to the Post the power of donating from the fund, was after full consideration negatived, thus leaving the Relief Fund solely at the disposition of the trustees, subject to the general provisions of the By-Laws as to the purposes for which it could be expended.

THOMAS R. MATHEWS

Service, Civil War.	1st Mass. Volunteer Infantry. Wounded at Glendale, Virginia, June 30, 1862. Prisoner of War, Libby Prison.
Service, M. V. M.	1st Battalion Infantry. 1st Lieutenant.
	1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel; Colonel.
	Brigadier-General, 1st Brigade.
	Major-General (retired). President Military Board of Examiners of the Mass. Vol. Militia, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899; President of Military Board on the organization of the Militia, 1907.
	President of Military Advisory Board of Governor Wolcott during the Spanish-American War, 1898.

"'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius: we'll deserve it."
—*Cato*, Act I, Sc. 2.

Commander Mathews first came into notice as an officer of the Post in 1874 through his appointment by Commander Denny as Adjutant, which position he acceptably filled three years, passing to Senior Vice-Commander in 1877. In 1879 he was Sergeant Major, and two years later was chosen Commander.

His services as Commander for two years and his invaluable subsequent work as Chairman of the Memorial Day Finance Committee for fifteen years have been already noted, yet few of the present members of the Post fully realize the wisdom, tact and judgment shown in his remarkable revivification of the organization during his service as Commander. It seemed little short of genius.

Commander Mathews's actions were never spectacular; on the contrary, every move was carefully planned and quietly executed, so quietly that whatever was suggested, seemed as the most natural and proper thing to be done at the particular time.

It has been said that he was born a diplomat, able to handle men so deftly that each person thought the thing done was the carrying out of some pet idea of his own. As a shrewd and able administrator, he has never had a peer in Post No. 113. Smooth and persuasive in debate, he has easily outgeneralled many with more aggressive speech and manner.

Thomas à Kempis once said, "All men commend patience, though few be willing to practise it."

Comrade Mathews not only practised patience, but possessed that exceedingly effective Jesuitical trait of being willing to wait. Few persons understand the power of a fixed purpose and willingness to patiently wait for results.

It is not too much to say that, in all the long line of able Comrades who have presided over the Post, both before and since Commander Mathews's administration, none have cultivated more effectively the spirit of fraternity, or whose labors have borne a greater or more beneficent fruitage.

"Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?" — *Eccl.* iii. 22.

EUGENE H. RICHARDS
Post Commander, 1883 and 1884

CHAPTER XVIII

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-three

The Suffolk County Association, May 30. Mayor Palmer, Orator. Observance by Post No. 113. Rev. Edward A. Horton, Orator. Advance of the Grand Army. The Fourteenth Anniversary. Blaine, Morse and Robinson. The Force of Precedent.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER WILMON W. BLACKMAR

Commander	Eugene H. Richards.
Senior Vice-Commander	Augustine Sanderson.
Junior Vice-Commander	Bowdoin S. Parker.
Adjutant	Thomas L. OBrion.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Joseph H. Warren.
Chaplain	George A. Sawin.
Officer of the Day	Charles W. Reed.
Officer of the Guard	Augustus Jacobs.
Sergeant Major	Augustus N. Sampson.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Thomas R. Mathews.
Trustees Relief Fund	Comrades Hollis, Ch., Blackmar and Hersey.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION, MAY 30

THE Suffolk County Association observed Memorial Day with Posts Nos. 2, 7, 15, 21, 32, 68, 134 and 149 parading and by exercises in Faneuil Hall. An Oration was delivered by Mayor Palmer, and a large number of prominent citizens were in attendance. Post No. 113, however, preferred to hold its own services and consequently did not take part in the Association parade or exercises. This was the last public celebration by the Suffolk County Association in the city proper upon Memorial Day, and thereafter the duty was left entirely in the hands of Post No. 113, who has since had sole control of these exercises.

OBSERVANCE BY POST NO. 113

After decorating the graves in Copp's Hill, Granary, South End, the Common, and graves of former members in Forest Hills and Mt. Auburn — sixty graves in all — and the tablets in King's Chapel, Park Street and Berkeley Street churches, Chauncy Hall and the Latin School, and Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, the Post marched to the Second Church, Copley Square, escorted by three companies of the 1st Infantry and one of the 5th Infantry, M. V. M., with the Waltham Band, where the full G. A. R. ritual was given, aided by appropriate music and an Oration by the Rev. Edward A. Horton. In the afternoon the regular monthly dinner was served at Young's Hotel.

ADVANCE OF THE GRAND ARMY

The upward turn for Post No. 113, as well as the Grand Army generally, was now fairly under way, and prosperity seemed well assured.

On July 1 there was a total membership in the organization of one hundred eighty thousand. Of this number seventy-five thousand had been added during the first six months of the present year. There were then one hundred fifty-six Posts in this Department, with a membership of over twelve thousand.

It was now comparatively easy sailing, and all the various social activities of the Post were put in operation.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

The fourteenth Anniversary reception and banquet, November 22, came all too quickly and was held, as was customary, at Young's, with an attendance of one hundred fifty comrades and guests. Commander Richards presided with the grace and ease for which he was noted, while Comrade Blackmar was again drafted as Toast-master.

Hardly had the festivities begun when Hon. James G. Blaine, escorted by Congressman Leopold Morse, entered. At once the room rang with cheers, all springing to their feet. Mr. Blaine responded to the toast, "The President of the United States." He made a very happy speech, introducing his remarks by the words: —

"In looking over this assembly of the men of war, I see but few white hairs, and I congratulate you that your patriotism was shown in your youth."

At the conclusion of his address, Governor-elect Robinson entered the hall and was also received with much enthusiasm. He responded for the Commonwealth in his usual felicitous manner.

Other speeches were made by Alderman Haldeman, Inspector Sawyer, Mr. Sayward, Major Raymond, U.S.A., and others.

Among the guests not already named were Department Commander Evans, Assistant Adjutant-General Munroe of the G. A. R., Colonel Carroll D. Wright, Mr. John McNair and Thomas Johnson of Lynn, Captain Howe and Lieutenant Lissak, 4th Artillery, U.S.A., and General Reed.

It was a very lively, patriotic and enjoyable evening.

The annual inspection of the Post was made by Comrade Horace A. Sawyer.

THE FORCE OF PRECEDENT

"No power in Venice
Can alter a decree established;
'Twill be recorded for a precedent;
And many an error by the same example
Will rush into the State."

— *Shakespeare.*

As individuals are creatures of habit, so aggregations of men in civil and political societies are bound by precedent. Even governments, once established, soon develop the red tape of routine, while even the courts of justice too often slavishly follow the mouldy precedents of another age and civilization to the detriment of the conscience of the present.

It is true, there are good precedents as well as bad ones, but unfortunately, while it is easy to change a good one to an evil one, no bad one was ever changed to a better, short of a determined effort little short of a revolution, peaceful or violent, according to circumstances.

This naturally follows from the fact that good or benevolent precedents invariably favor the many, while bad or evil ones usually favor the few.

That this is always a delicate subject to handle, in a judicial

spirit, until long after those who had a part in the subject treated have passed beyond, goes without saying, yet the historian, to be just to his subject, cannot ignore so grave and important a matter.

Post No. 113, with all its virtues, excellencies and achievements has not escaped the universal lot of associated bodies in following evil precedents to its disadvantage.

During the early years of the Post its officers were nominated by a committee, selected from the general membership; the nominees thereafter being chosen singly by a general ballot of all present. In a few instances the nominations were made by the so-called "marking system," but in all cases a general ballot for each office followed.

Later on, when the condition of the Post became such that it was difficult to secure Comrades to assume the burden of keeping the Post alive, a habit grew up of having one ballot cast for all the nominees previously selected. Thus the custom of formally ratifying whomsoever the nominating committee selected, on a single ballot, followed as a natural sequence.

This, then, was the position when, through an inadvertence of the Commander, the basis of a new precedent was laid, which resulted in a radical change in the government of the Post from a democracy to an oligarchy.

In the year 1883 the Commander, evidently without forethought, said in an off-hand manner, "I will appoint all the Past Commanders a nominating committee to select and report a list of officers for the Post for the ensuing year." A smile went round the hall, it being taken as quite a good joke. The next year the same Commander said, "I will repeat the experiment of last year, and appoint the Past Commanders to nominate officers for the ensuing year."

The third year came as a precedent, and thereafter no Commander dared to question the propriety of a system which had made him Commander.

The natural result followed; the selection of all officers with the government and policy of the Post — the Commander having the appointment of all committees — was removed from the body of its membership and rested in the half-dozen or so Past Commanders, and it soon became only too evident

that to oppose the will of this oligarchy that had been unwittingly set up meant ostracism from any connection with the activities or general affairs of the Post. So far was this carried out that few cared to question anything proposed, and the majority quietly accepted the conditions precedent had decreed and meekly did as directed.

But this practical death stroke to the electorate in time produced a feeling of inharmony in the Post, and there arose from time to time a strong sentiment that the ruling body had become arbitrary and autocratic; that favoritism and partiality had usurped the place of judicial discrimination and fraternity; and that grave injustice was frequently done individual Comrades.

After some years this feeling took form in a vote that two names should be presented for each office and for a general ballot, but the effect of this vote was neutralized by the presentation of an "official" list, while the second list of nominees were in effect "dummies," with the result that for the time being all opposition was overborne and smothered, though at the cost of harmony and kindly feeling. This state of affairs continued for about fifteen years; whether the practical effect of this system tended to the best interests of the Post may well be doubted.

The centralization probably increased the executive power, though at the expense of general harmony and fraternity. However, viewed in a large sense, it must be recognized that in the evolution of events we arrive at the present by successive steps, each step being the result of adequate causes which actuate it.

But the time for a change at last arrived and was brought about by a wise committee under the guise of a revision of the By-Laws.

In the new code adopted in 1899, which made many radical changes, was a provision for the selection of candidates for Post offices, whereby a nominating committee should be appointed annually, composed equally of Past Commanders and members at large. This was a compromise and only a partial return to democratic principles as early practised, but it was accepted as the most practicable solution for the time, and has since been continued. This change unquestionably greatly tended

to the harmony of the Post, and has worked wonderfully well in promoting good fellowship and strengthening the ties which bind the Comrades together.

The unexampled prosperity of the Post since the adoption of this system has been marked and radical. In this connection, it is only just to say that some of the Past Commanders favored the change, realizing that the best interests of the Post demanded it.

The number added to the roll for the year was eighteen, while none were lost by death. The Post had gained in financial strength, and there was every indication that the future held many good things in store for the taking.

CHAPTER XIX

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-four

A Generous Donation. May 30. Rev. Brooke Hereford, Orator. Adieu to No. 608 Washington Street. Reception to Commander-in-Chief Kountz. Grand "Kettle Drum." The Fifteenth Anniversary. Sketch of Commander Eugene H. Richards.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON

Commander	Eugene H. Richards.
Senior Vice-Commander	Augustine Sanderson.
Junior Vice-Commander	Bowdoin S. Parker.
Adjutant	Thomas L. OBrion.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Joseph H. Warren.
Chaplain	George A. Sawin.
Officer of the Day	Charles W. Reed.
Officer of the Guard	Augustus Jacobs.
Sergeant Major	Augustus N. Sampson.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Thomas R. Mathews.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Comrades Hollis, Ch., Blackmar and Hersey.

A GENEROUS DONATION

THE year opened with a generous donation by the Post for the relief of G. A. R. Comrades and their families in distress by reason of the inundation of the Ohio Valley.

MAY 30

The Memorial Day observances followed quite closely those of the previous year. After decorating one hundred thirty graves and the tablets, the Post, escorted by Companies A, C, D and K of the 1st Infantry, M. V. M., with music, marched to School Street, where the City Government were received, thence to the Monument on the Common. The G. A. R. ritual

was given and the march resumed to Arlington Street Church. The full service with music was then rendered, and an address appropriate to the day delivered by the Rev. Brooke Hereford.

The Post returned directly to headquarters and was dismissed. The regular monthly dinner at Young's was partaken of in the afternoon.

ADIEU TO NO. 608 WASHINGTON STREET

The Post held its last meeting at its headquarters, No. 608 Washington Street, August 6. It had long been its home, and the many delightful occasions there enjoyed still lovingly linger in memory.

In September the Post meetings were held at the headquarters of the 1st Brigade, M. V. M., No. 20 Beacon Street.

In October a removal was made to the chapel of the old Hollis Street Church, No. 3 Hollis Square.

RECEPTION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

John S. Kountz of Toledo, Ohio, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, honored the Department with a visit November 16 to 18, and was given a reception and a banquet at Young's Hotel, at which many of the Post were present.

"KETTLE DRUM"

The third annual effort to aid the Soldiers' Home was given under the name of "Kettle Drum," at which Post No. 113 again took a leading part.

The Post inspection was held November 12 by Comrade B. Read Wales of Post No. 68, Department Inspector.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

The annual reception and banquet at Young's, November 22, was attended by members and guests to the number of about two hundred. Among the large number of prominent guests were Edward W. Kinsley, Esq.; U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge; the Adjutant-General and members of the Governor's staff, in full uniform; Hon. Leopold Morse; Hon. A. A. Ranney; Mayor Augustus P. Martin; Commodore O. C. Badger; Pay Director T. F. Thornton; Medical Director A. C.

Gorges, U. S. Navy; Captain Meeter, U. S. Marine Corps; Colonel Mendenhall; Captain Greenough; Lieutenants Leary and Townsley, 4th Artillery, Fort Warren; Colonel Sullivan, U. S. Army; and General Benjamin F. Peach and staff, M. V. M.

The music was by the Schubert Quartette and Cornetist Walter Emerson. Numerous excellent speeches were made, and all together it was the largest and most distinguished gathering of any previous Anniversary.

The Post gained for the year nineteen members, and then had ninety-eight on its roll, while the Relief Fund was increased to $5000 and money in the treasury, with no debts outstanding.

The social occasions had all been well sustained and the meetings fully attended. In brief, Post No. 113 was prospering.

The loss by death was two — Comrades George H. Tyler, August 17, and Solomon Hovey, Jr., October 21.

EUGENE H. RICHARDS

Service, Civil War. 40th Ohio Infantry. 1st Lieutenant.

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

— *Prov.* xviii. 24.

Commander Richards was well fitted to assume the first office in the Post by his accurate knowledge of its needs and requirements, gained through ample service in subordinate positions, together with his personal acquaintance with the members.

A graduate of Tufts College, possessed of much natural ability and force of character, added to executive talent of no mean order, he seemed peculiarly well equipped to assume the leadership at the particular period of his service.

As a presiding officer he was dignified and impartial, and the interests of the Post were guarded with scrupulous care.

His administration was unusually successful; peace and good feeling prevailed, and the Post gained rapidly in reputation and financial and social strength.

The welfare of the Post was ever his concern up to the time of his last sickness.

It was his habit to keep up a warm personal acquaintance with every member; newcomers were cordially greeted and

old friends were not forgotten. The special pains which he always took to shake hands with every member or visitor at Post meetings was remarkable.

He was a ready and fluent speaker and had unbounded confidence in himself. He had great ambition for place and preferment, and in other organizations to which he belonged succeeded in attaining high rank to a notable degree.

Like all men who push for precedence and prominence, it was unavoidable that he should not have some enemies and detractors, but in his relations with the Post his whole-heartedness and genial ways brought him only satisfaction and pleasure.

Undue sensitiveness was not a part of his make-up, and many things in his life which would have proved exceedingly annoying to the majority of persons had slight effect upon him.

Yet he believed with Ruskin that "such help as we can give each other in this world is a duty to each other," and he practised what he believed.

The latter portion of his life had somewhat of sadness, especially after the loss of his wife, for whom he had the most tender affection, and which seriously affected his general health until it clouded his mind and terminated his life, December 11, 1899.

He had survived all of his near relatives, and there was no one to drop the sympathetic tear over his bier save his Comrades of the Post and his brethren of the Masonic order.

His funeral was held at King's Chapel, under the direction of the Post and Boston Commandery of Knights Templars, the latter performing the last rites of the Templars' imposing and solemn service in full and ample form.

No sentiment for him can be more appropriate than his own words contained in a re olution he presented in memory of another Comrade of the Post, an alumnus of his college, who had preceded him across the river.

"What remains for us Comrades, tarrying a little longer here, but to cherish the memory and worth of these who have gone before, living at our best, and standing by each other, till we are called to that larger, freer, happier life which is theirs and will be ours, ere many years shall pass."

AUGUSTINE SANDERSON
Post Commander, 1885 and 1886

CHAPTER XX

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-five

Dedication of New Headquarters, No. 1682 Washington Street. The Soldiers' Great Home Carnival. Memorial Services. Rev. H. Bernard Carpenter, Orator. Death of ex-President General Grant. The Sixteenth Post Anniversary.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER WILMON W. BLACKMAR

Commander	Augustine Sanderson.
Senior Vice-Commander	Bowdoin S. Parker.
Junior Vice-Commander	Austin C. Wellington.
Adjutant	Frederick G. Storey.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. M. E. Webb.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Augustus Jacobs.
Officer of the Guard	Benjamin Noyes.
Sergeant Major	Thomas L. OBrion.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Thomas R. Mathews.
Trustees Relief Fund	Comrades, Hollis, Ch., Blackmar and Hersey.

DINNERS CONTINUED

THE monthly dinners at Young's or Parker's, commenced in 1881, were still continued with a like favorable result.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

In April, the Post removed to new and elegant quarters, No. 1682 Washington Street, corner of Worcester Square, in connection with the headquarters of the 1st Infantry, M. V. M., where a reception was given to its lady friends, at which the Mayor and many distinguished guests were present.

For the succeeding three years this continued to be the Post home, and during this delightful sojourn many very elegant and enjoyable receptions, musicales and other entertainments

were given; the members also had the benefits of what was practically a military club, visited by prominent military men of the regular army and navy, as well as Militia and National Guard officers of this and other States.

SOLDIERS' HOME CARNIVAL

During the same month the Post attended a Memorial service at the Mechanics Building, followed by a Grand Carnival, lasting for ten days, in further aid of the Soldiers' Home. Post No. 113 took a prominent part in this charity, and on the 16th attended in a body, one hundred members acting as Aides-de-Camp to Chief Marshal Comrade Austin C. Wellington.

This was the most extensive and important series of similar events held for aiding the Soldiers' Home, and netted over $45.000, thus placing the institution upon a substantial basis.

POST INSPECTION

The 28th of the same busy month the Post held its annual inspection, conducted by Comrade E. J. Dyer of Dahlgren Post No. 2.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

As a prelude to the more important ceremonies of Memorial Day, the Post attended the dedication of a tablet erected to the memory of the Soldiers and Sailors formerly connected with the Warren Street Chapel.

MAY 30

The Post assembled at Boylston Hall. Line was formed with an escort of a battalion of four companies of the 1st Infantry, M. V. M., and music. The march was to School Street, where the Mayor and City Government joined the column, and thence to the Monument on the Common. After the customary ritualistic service they proceeded to the Hollis Street Church, corner Newbury and Exeter streets, where the remaining exercises took place. Rev. H. Bernard Carpenter, the orator of the day, delivered an interesting and scholarly address appropriate to the occasion. The Post then repaired to its headquarters and was dismissed.

In the afternoon the usual dinner at Young's was participated in by a large number of the Comrades, with guests and excellent music.

DEATH OF GENERAL GRANT

July 23 the nation was called to mourn the loss of its great soldier and leader, General Ulysses S. Grant, ex-President of the United States and the most distinguished Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

The annual Post reunion was observed at Young's Hotel, Saturday evening, November 21. Among the prominent guests were Mayor O'Brien, Department Assistant Adjutant-General Monroe, U. S. officers from the Navy Yard and Fort Warren and Comrades representing Post No. 140 of New York. Commander Sanderson presided, and Past Commander Mathews acted as Toast-master. The Mayor delivered a very acceptable speech.

Comrade Monroe stated that there was then seventeen thousand six hundred forty members in the Department in good standing, and that for the previous nine months over $29,000 had been expended in charity. Chaplain Horton and others also spoke. The music by the Mendelssohn Club and Cornetist Emerson was unusually good.

Letters of regret were read from Generals Banks and Corse, U. S. Senator Lodge, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley and others. It was a happy and successful occasion.

The year was active and prosperous. Twelve were added to the roll, and one passed from earth, Comrade Cephas C. Bumpus, April 17.

CHAPTER XXI

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-six

Reception to Commander-in-Chief S. S. Burdett. Annual Post Inspection. Memorial Services, May 31. Rev. James De Normandie, Orator. Deaths of General Grant, Hancock, McClellan and McDowell. Post Anniversary. A Year of Enjoyment and Growth. Sketch of Commander Augustine Sanderson.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON

Commander	Augustine Sanderson.
Senior Vice-Commander	Bowdoin S. Parker.
Junior Vice-Commander	Austin C. Wellington.
Adjutant	Frederick G. Storey.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Caleb W. Hodgdon.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Augustus Jacobs.
Officer of the Guard	Benjamin Noyes.
Sergeant Major	Thomas L. OBrion.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Thomas R. Mathews.
Trustees Relief Fund	Comrades Hollis, Ch. Blackmar and Hersey.

RECEPTION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BURDETT

THE year opened with a reception by the Post in connection with the Woman's Relief Corps, in honor of the visit of Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Burdett. This was soon followed by a fine musicale given in courtesy to the ladies of the Post, and was a creditable and pleasing function.

The annual Post inspection was held in April by Comrade A. P. Chamberlain, Assistant Inspector.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

As May 30 fell this year on Sunday, the day following was observed.

Since the graves were last decorated, the reaper had been

gathering his harvest of death, taking four of the great generals of the war, viz. Generals Grant, Hancock, McClellan and McDowell; a sad reminder of the rapidly circling years of time, which, to the Veteran, has a special meaning and solemnity.

The Post followed the same plan as for several years past in its memorial exercises, with the usual escort of militia and music. The Mayor and City Government were taken in charge and the ritual of the Order recited at the Monument. The only decoration of the shaft was an immense floral tribute in the form of a broken cross, composed of ivy leaves with beautiful cut flowers at each arm, while at the base, worked in exotics, was the word "Comrades."

The Post then repaired to the Church of the Unity, where the full service was touchingly rendered, aided by a choir composed of Mrs. L. F. C. Richardson, Miss Lillian E. Dow, Mrs. F. W. Knowles and Miss Annie H. Lord, and the Mendelssohn Quartette, composed of Messrs. T. W. Knowles, C. J. Buffum, Joseph L. White and J. K. Berry, the organist and director being Howard M. Dow.

Among those present were the Mayor and members of the City Government, ex-Governor Rice, Lieutenant-Governor Ames, Colonel Henry S. Walker, General M. T. Donahoe, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley and Rev. James De Normandie, the latter being the orator of the day.

In the afternoon a dinner was held at Young's Hotel, at which Commander Sanderson presided and Past Commander Richards served as Toast-master.

There were no notable speeches, though a very pleasant and social occasion was enjoyed. The number of Comrades present was large.

In the evening Chaplain Horton and Hon. E. A. Pillsbury, president of the Senate, delivered addresses at a memorial service held in Union Hall, Boylston Street, which many Comrades of the Post attended.

POST ANNIVERSARY

The seventeenth Anniversary was held at Young's, November 22. It has been said that every anniversary of Post No. 113 has been a pronounced success. However this may be, it

is true that at the conclusion of each of these reunions some have always declared the last one "the best ever."

The seventeenth was certainly one long to be remembered for its prominent civic, military and naval guests, stirring speeches and the intense enthusiasm of the large company present.

Commander Sanderson presided, and Comrade Charles H. Taylor was Toast-master.

The witty hits of the Toast-master called out Hon. J. Q. A. Brackett, Lieutenant-Governor elect, who made one of his best off-hand speeches.

Mayor O'Brien followed with a very strong, manly address that was fully appreciated. The other speakers, all good, were Colonel Livingston, Commander at Fort Warren; Hon. Leopold Morse; Assistant Adjutant-General Monroe of the G. A. R.; Mr. Edward W. Kinsley; Captain Lyle, of the Ordinance Department, U. S. Army; Pay Director G. E. Thorton, U. S. Navy; Major G. W. Baird, Paymaster U. S. Army; Captain A. E. Piorkowski, Aide-de-Camp of the German army; Past Commander Blackmar; and Hon. J. C. Wellington.

War songs and melodies were beautifully rendered by a double quartette under the direction of Comrade Joseph L. White.

Besides the speakers, the number of guests was unusually large. A few of the more prominent gentlemen were Surgeon William C. Shannon; Captain G. G. Greenough; Major F. C. Sullivan and Lieutenant A. T. Cummins of the U. S. Army; Lieutenant-Colonel Broome, U. S. Marine Corps; Chief Engineer D. B. McComb and Ensign W. M. Constant of the U. S. Navy; Howard M. Dow; Isaac T. Burr; General J. A. Williamson of Iowa; Hon. Edward J. Glines; Hon. James E. Whittaker; General Benjamin F. Peach, Jr., and members of his staff, with many officers of the 1st Infantry, M. V. M.

Chaplain Horton was not able to be present and sent a characteristic letter, which occasioned much good feeling.

The year was one of enjoyment and growth. Thirteen were added to the Post membership, and two were taken, — Comrades Edwin D. White, March 12, and Ezra J. Trull, April 30.

AUGUSTINE SANDERSON

Service, Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant.
16th Mass. Light Battery. Brevet Major.

"A light heart lives long."

Comrades Sanderson and Sampson were the only charter members of Post No. 113 honored by an election to the Commander's chair.

The favorable conditions surrounding the Post during the previous three years made it an easy task for Commander Sanderson, and his two years of incumbency glided by without any unusual events transpiring to mar his pleasant relations with the Comrades.

Upon the whole, probably, no other Commander has been privileged to turn over to his successor a stronger, more active and enthusiastic body than composed the Post at the conclusion of his term of service.

Comrade Sanderson preserved a continuous membership in the Post through good and evil days; in all the struggles and triumphs of Post No. 113, he was true to the organization he helped to create.

His position is also unique in the fact that Post No. 113 was the only social body to which during all these years he held allegiance.

Mention of his success in raising funds for the Post has already been alluded to; the amount collected by him since the Relief Fund was placed on its present basis exceeded the sum of $10,000, while, if to this were added the sums previously obtained and the amounts secured for special purposes, it would probably far exceed that collected by any other Comrade that has ever been a member of the Post.

"Sandy," as he was familiarly called by the "boys," like many another, had his idiosyncrasies, and his views upon many subjects did not always coincide with those of the majority, but his love for the Post invariably triumphed, and he continued to still pull his oar with the same strength and alacrity as ever.

After serving as Commander he filled many stations and rendered invaluable aid upon numerous committees; at the time of his death, which occurred January 4, 1909, he was Chairman of the Council of Administration.

CHAPTER XXII

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-seven

Memorial Day. Rev. David Gregg, D.D., Orator. Ex-Confederates parade in Boston. A Military Club. Reception to General Black. Anniversary at the Vendome. Annual Post Inspection. Post completes its Roll of 113 Members.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER EUGENE H. RICHARDS

Commander	Austin C. Wellington.
Senior Vice-Commander	George A. Sawin.
Junior Vice-Commander	Augustus Jacobs.
Adjutant	John C. Cook.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Caleb W. Hodgdon.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	George F. Hall.
Officer of the Guard	John H. Cook.
Sergeant Major	Frederick G. Storey.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

MEMORIAL DAY

THE Post exercises, May 30, consisted of services at Park Street Church, which included an address by Rev. David Gregg, D.D., and music by a triple male quartette. The church was filled by an attentive audience.

In the afternoon the usual dinner was held at Young's, at which one hundred Comrades and guests were present.

Commander Wellington presided. The speakers were Post Chaplain Horton, Rev. James De Normandie, Thomas Swords, Past Commanders Hollis, Sampson and Richards.

A song entitled "The Bugler," composed by Carl Pfleuger and dedicated to "Kinsley Post," was sung by the composer, with the quartette and chorus, Mr. Eichler playing the bugle. Captain William W. Kellett read an original poem entitled "The Soldier of '87 to the Soldier of '64." Both the song and poem were warmly received.

EX-CONFEDERATES PARADE IN BOSTON

At the Bunker Hill celebration, June 17, a notable event was the visit of the Robert E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans, who took part in the military parade of the day and were well received and loudly cheered all along the route of the march.

At the Memorial Day dinner Chaplain Horton had mentioned the contemplated visit of the ex-Confederates and bespoke for them a cordial reception, which it was gratifying to find realized.

A MILITARY CLUB

It had been the ambition for several years of Commander Wellington, who was also the Colonel commanding the 1st Infantry, M. V. M., to establish a Military Club in Boston, and the elegant headquarters then occupied by Post No. 113 and the 1st Regiment, at the corner of Worcester Square and Washington Street, which had at one time been used as a club-house, seemed to him to furnish favorable conditions for carrying out his favorite scheme. His idea was to use the Post membership and the Field and Staff officers of his regiment as a nucleus and to gradually increase by making it an attractive resort for all present and past officers of the Militia and Regular Army and other gentlemen of military instincts, residing in the vicinity of Boston. He hoped thus to found a permanent Military Club which should attract visiting officers from beyond the State, and by this means and association to cultivate the military spirit of the young men who were then or would thereafter become officers in the established militia service of the State.

It was a laudable ambition and a subject that seemed uppermost in his mind. Colonel Wellington was a man of large ideas and of great executive abilities. He went into everything he undertook with energy and persistence, sparing neither himself nor his means to accomplish the special matters he had conceived, and which lay near his heart.

The club was started and during the year was pushed with zeal; many members of the Post joined the club, and the activities of the Post during the year were largely directed to advance its special interests.

RECEPTION TO GENERAL BLACK

A social meeting and reception was held at headquarters, July 5, in honor of the visit of General Black, U. S. Pension Commissioner and afterwards Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, which was largely attended.

ANNIVERSARY AT THE VENDOME

The Post reception and banquet in commemoration of its eighteenth birthday was held at the Hotel Vendome and was the largest and most elaborate function of its kind before attempted. Ninety-three of the one hundred thirteen members, with over one hundred guests, sat at the tables. The occasion was intended not only to advance the social prestige of the Post but to create a sentiment among the gentlemen assembled in favor of the new Military Club, which had previously been launched and in which the Commander and others were actively interested.

The menu card on its cover bore a spirited sketch by Comrade Charles W. Reed, entitled "As you were, '61–'65."

Commander Wellington presided, and Comrade W. Wallace Waugh was Toast-master. The speakers were Governor Oliver Ames; Mayor Hugh O'Brien; Department Commander Nash; Carl Pfleuger, who also sang; Mr. Edward W. Kinsley; Hon. Leopold Morse; Rev. Minot J. Savage; Rev. David Gregg, D.D.; Past Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill; Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton; Past Department Commander Myron P. Walker; Comrade Charles H. Taylor; Captain Joseph P. Story, 4th Artillery, U. S. Army; James E. Murdock, the retired actor and soldier, who recited "Soldier of Lundy's Lane"; Mr. C. W. Ernst; General George A. Sheridan; and Comrade John H. Cook.

The music was furnished by the Mendelssohn Quartette under the direction of Comrade Joseph L. White.

The enthusiasm was intense, and the speakers were accorded very generous applause. It was not till the clock announced the midnight hour that the company was regretfully dismissed. The guests included many military officers, numerous public, State and city officials, merchants and other gentlemen of more or less distinction in the city. It proved a very successful

banquet, though less of a Post reunion than had usually been the case.

The year closed with the annual inspection. Sixteen new members were received, which completed the full number of one hundred thirteen to which the Post had restricted itself.

Two Comrades passed beyond, viz. James A. Martin, March 12, and George C. Phillips, September 6.

CHAPTER XXIII

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-eight

The First Break in the List of Past Commanders. Abrogation of Rule restricting Membership Defeated. An Old Experiment Revived. May 30. Rev. George A. Gordon, Orator. The Military Club Abandoned. Removal of Headquarters. First Death of a Commander. Funeral of Commander Wellington. The Nineteenth Anniversary. Minor Items. Sketch of Commander Austin C. Wellington.

SUBSTANTIALLY the same Board of Officers were re-elected and duly installed by Past Commander Eugene H. Richards, viz. : —

Commander	Austin C. Wellington.
Senior Vice-Commander	George A. Sawin.
Junior Vice-Commander	Augustus Jacobs.
Adjutant	John C. Cook.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Caleb H. Hodgdon.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	George F. Hall.
Officer of the Guard	John H. Cook.
Sergeant Major	Frederick G. Storey.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

THE FIRST BREAK IN THE LIST OF PAST COMMANDERS

The first break in the list of Past Commanders occurred January 19, by the removal from earth of Past Commander Cornelius G. Attwood, who was the third presiding head of the Post.

ATTEMPT TO RESCIND THE RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP RULE

At the April meeting the question of abrogating the rule restricting the Post membership to one hundred thirteen was earnestly discussed; it was shown that a number of very excellent veterans had been upon the waiting list for months, and it

was urged that it would be for the best interests of the Post to receive them, but the conservative spirit of precedent proved too strong, and the change was refused.

AN OLD EXPERIMENT REVIVED

For some reason the active interest among the members had somewhat flagged, and there was beginning to be a feeling of inharmony from the cause already noted, and the old experiment of holding a monthly meeting, with the lunch at Young's, which had been discontinued the previous year, was again revived.

MAY 30

The Memorial Day ceremonies followed the general plan of the previous year. It consisted of an escort with music, services at the Monument and march to the New Old South Church on Boylston Street, where the regular services were held, with an address by Rev. George A. Gordon, and the delivery of an original poem by Captain Jack Crawford, the "Poet Scout." Music by the Mendelssohn Quartette.

An informal dinner at Young's, without guests, closed the day.

THE MILITARY CLUB ABANDONED

Notwithstanding the Herculean efforts of Commander Wellington to establish his Military Club and the expenditure of considerable money in the effort, it was found impracticable. The large rental of the Worcester Square headquarters, with the constant incidental expenses of maintenance, were not warranted by the limited membership. The location proved too distant from the business centre to attract any considerable numbers, and as the Post members mostly resided at a distance, they did not find it convenient to visit the headquarters except upon the Post meeting nights or upon some special occasion. It also proved too expensive a luxury for the Field and Staff of the 1st Regiment. In consequence the lease was not renewed, and the 1st Regiment headquarters were removed to No. 36 St. James Avenue, corner of Clarendon Street, where the Post soon joined them, holding its first meeting there July 30.

FIRST DEATH OF A COMMANDER

The first loss of a Commander in office occurred September 18 by the sudden snapping of the silver cord of life, and Commander Wellington was no more. The summons so unexpected was a profound shock to the Post and to his associates in various organizations. The funeral services were held at the Unitarian Church on Austen Street, Cambridge. A full military escort as Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., was accorded by the State, Colonel and Comrade Augustus N. Sampson of the Governor's staff acting as Chief Marshal of the obsequies. The floral tributes were elaborate and beautiful. Post No. 113 sent a star of choice flowers with the inscription "Post 113, G. A. R." A large delegation of officers of the Militia was in attendance, together with representatives of many business and social organizations with which he had been associated.

The Rev. Dr. G. W. Briggs, pastor of the church, conducted the formal exercises, and Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton delivered a tender and appreciative funeral oration.

Post No. 113, with one hundred Comrades and Baldwin's Band, acted as escort to Department Commander Myron P. Walker, Staff and other officers, while the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., acted as military escort in the procession.

The presence of the Lieutenant-Governor and the principal State and city officials, with a great throng of citizens, attested the prominence and respect in which Comrade Wellington was held by the community in which his active years had been spent.

THE NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY

November 22 the Post with guests to the number of one hundred fifty assembled at Young's; it was in the nature of a family gathering, quite in contrast with the elaborate and showy banquet of the previous year at the Vendome.

Senior Vice-Commander Sawin presided, with Past Commander Blackmar as Toast-master.

The prominent guests were few and the speeches all bore a tinge of sadness for the loss of Past Commander Attwood, who was an important factor in the Post during its early years, and Commander Wellington, who had so recently been taken.

All the speaking was done by Comrades of the Post, with the exception of Past Department Commander Evans, Mr. William H. Sayward, Comrade Harrison Hume, Commander of Post No. 191, Captain William B. Sears and Carl Pfleuger.

Comrade William K. Millar sang "A-roaming I will go with you, Fair Maid," very sweetly. Letters of regret were read from General Banks, Senator Lodge, Rev. George A. Gordon, Post Chaplain Horton, Department Commander Walker and Past Commander Nathan Appleton.

The musical programme, under Comrade Joseph L. White, was very good. The following Comrades attending the banquet were present at the installation of the first Board of Officers of the Post in January, 1870, viz. Blackmar, Sampson, Fauteaux, Sanderson, Hollis, Niebuhr, Fernald, Walker and Louis N. Tucker.

MINOR ITEMS

The last Camp Fire held in the Worcester Square headquarters was March 28, at which an aggregation of musical talent took part.

A proposition to associate a branch of the Woman's Relief Corps with the Post was decided to be inexpedient.

The usual inspection was held in November. The number of admissions to membership to fill vacancies was five. The deaths were Past Commander Cornelius G. Attwood, January 19; Comrade Nicholas N. Noyes, March 24; Commander Austin C. Wellington, September 18; and Comrade Edwin S. Fisher, December 1.

AUSTIN C. WELLINGTON

Service, Civil War.	38th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant.
Service, M. V. M.	7th Infantry. Captain.
	4th Battalion Infantry. Captain; Major.
	1st Regt. Infantry. Major; Colonel.

"I rather choose to endure the wounds of those darts which envy casteth at novelty, than to go on safely and sleepily in the easy ways of ancients."

Commander Wellington was a man of generous nature, abounding energy and active brain. During the period of his connection with Post No. 113 his hobby was militarism, and the

bent of his mind was very largely dominated by this up to the time of his death.

Prior to his election as Colonel of the 1st Infantry, M. V. M., the regiment had attained a high standing in the State; when he assumed command it was his purpose to still further advance the regiment as a superior military body. Having a fixed purpose, he was a man that did not allow "I dare not," wait upon "I would," but putting every impediment aside, he pushed on to accomplish his designs.

It seemed as if all he did was in some way linked with his military purposes and ambitions. His methods were daring, original and spectacular; it was characteristic of the man in everything. He was never "cabined, cribbed and confined" by the trammels of the personal equation, but delighted to do things in a large way, and his fertile imagination continually conceived new and unexpected combinations. It is sufficient to say in this connection that his contagious enthusiasm was imparted to all who were associated with him in any matter, military or civil, and he had remarkable success in most of his undertakings.

Comrade Wellington had many admirable traits; he possessed much patience and forbearance under severe provocation; he was tender of heart and had many lovable qualities. His membership in the Post was comparatively brief, but his personality was so great and his departure so sad and exceptional, that he left an imprint on the minds of his associates which will continue long after many another with less conspicuous qualities will have been forgotten. He was a Trustee of the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, and was a leading spirit in the Carnival held in 1885, at which a large sum of money was realized for the Home.

"Absent in body but present in spirit."

CHAPTER XXIV

Eighteen Hundred Eighty-nine

Another Change in Headquarters. Memorial Day. Rev. W. H. H. Murray, Orator. Preparations for the National Encampment of the G. A. R. in Boston. The Twentieth Anniversary. Commander-in-Chief Russell A. Alger. Badge Presentation and Inspection.

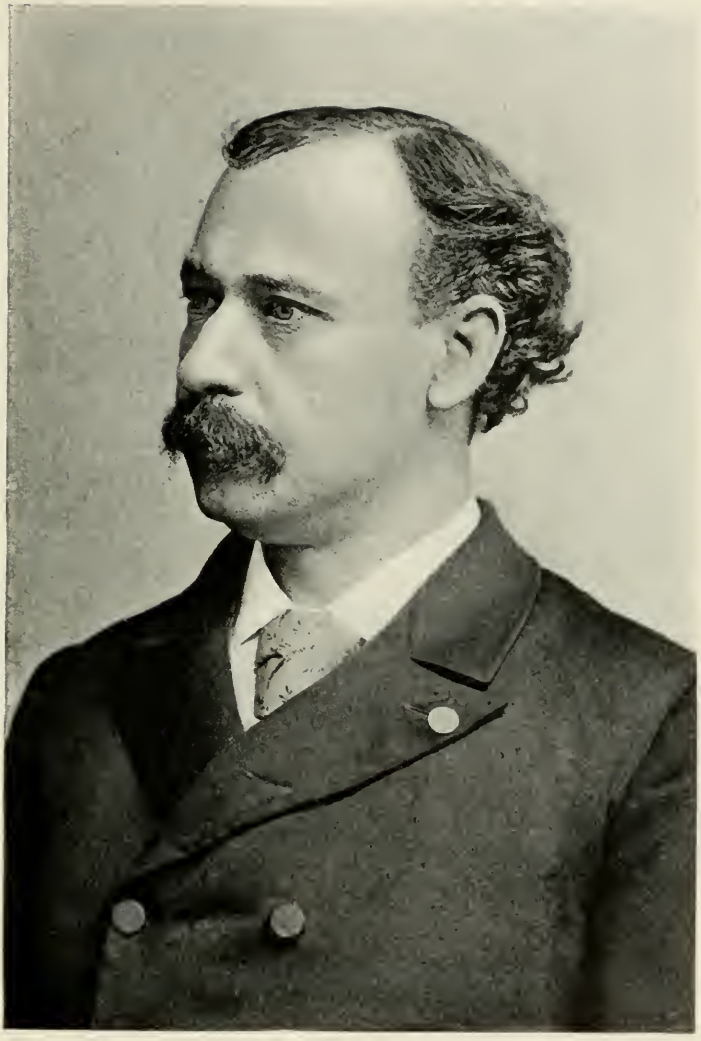
OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON

Commander	George A. Sawin.
Senior Vice-Commander	George F. Hall.
Junior Vice-Commander	Augustus Jacobs.
Adjutant	Frederick G. Storey.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. William H. Ruddick.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	John H. Cook.
Officer of the Guard	Caleb W. Hodgdon.
Sergeant Major	John C. Cook.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

ANOTHER CHANGE IN HEADQUARTERS

THE death of Commander Wellington materially changed the plans as to headquarters, both of the 1st Regiment and the Post. The Military Club idea was entirely abandoned, though had Colonel Wellington lived he might have endeavored to continue it in some form at St. James Avenue. But under existing conditions the house was given up and temporary accommodations obtained at the old Roller Skating Rink on Clarendon Street, then occupied by several companies of the 1st Regiment. This arrangement did not prove convenient, and January 18 a removal was made to the building No. 657 Washington St., Rooms 19 and 20, with entrance from Boylston Street.

The interest in the Post meetings seemed to have decreased considerably, and the attendance had markedly fallen off. This



GEORGE A. SAWIN
Post Commander, 1889 and 1890

perhaps was a reaction from the high style and showy front in which the Post had revelled for the previous few years.

Another attempt was made to abolish the restricted membership rule, but it met the fate of previous efforts in this direction, and "113" still remained the limit.

MEMORIAL DAY

It had been expected that the orator of the day would be Major-General Daniel E. Sickles of New York, but at the last moment he was unable to come, and arrangements were made with Rev. William H. H. Murray, former pastor of Park Street Church, and more widely known as "Adirondack Murray," aided by local talent.

The exercises were carried out with the usual military escort and the customary formal ceremonies. The old 1st Regiment Veteran Association paraded with the Post.

Among the prominent gentlemen who sat upon the platform in Tremont Temple were Mayor Hart, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, ex-Mayor Green, Hon. Alanson W. Beard, Department Commander Goodale, Major George O. Carpenter, Revs. Minot J. Savage, George L. Perrin and Post Chaplain Edward A. Horton. The three latter clergymen made short addresses, Mr. Murray closing with the principal address, which was an interesting and able effort. The music was under the direction of Comrade White.

THE DINNER

The afternoon dinner at Young's was enjoyed, with most of the gentlemen who had attended the services in the morning as guests. Commander Sawin presided, with Post Surgeon William H. Ruddick as Toast-master.

The speakers were Lieutenant-Governor Brackett, Mayor Hart, Revs. Murray and Savage, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, Major Carpenter, Major William W. Kellett, Past Commander Eugene H. Richards and Comrade Louis N. Tucker. The latter presented to the Post a gold Grand Army badge formerly owned by Past Commander Cornelius G. Attwood, from his widow, who desired that it be worn by each succeeding Post Commander.

This badge has since been the official decoration of each succeeding Past Commander. The occasion was quiet and unenthusiastic, though social and pleasant.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Little was attempted during the year beyond the general preparations for the National Encampment of the Grand Army, to be held in Boston the succeeding year.

The Post tendered its service as mounted escort to Commander-in-Chief Russell A. Alger for the grand parade, and appointed Commander Sawin, Past Commanders Blackmar, Hollis, Hersey, Mathews, Sanderson, E. H. Richards, and Comrades Hall, B. S. Parker, Jacobs, Hodgdon, Ireland, Sanborn, White, Stillings, J. H. Cook and Waugh as a general committee upon the subject of the Encampment.

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The banquet, November 22, was held at Parker's, with Commander-in-Chief Alger, Adjutant-General George H. Hopkins and seven members of the National Council of Administration as special guests. The occasion was of much interest and attracted a large attendance. The menu card bore a fine illustration by Comrade Charles W. Reed, the artist.

Commander Sawin presided and Comrade Charles H. Taylor was Toast-master. Commander-in-Chief Russell A. Alger was first called upon, and, observing General Nathaniel P. Banks present, proposed his health, which was drunk by all, standing.

General Alger accepted the tender of the Post as mounted escort, and created much interest by his relation of the plans and prospects for the National Encampment. General Charles Devens, Past Commander-in-Chief, delivered a magnificent speech, which created great enthusiasm. It seemed a night of oratory; all the speeches that followed were of remarkable force.

The remaining speakers were Comrade T. S. Clarkson of Omaha, Nebraska, Past Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill, Department Commander Goodale, General John L. Swift, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, Carl Pfleuger, Rev. George L. Perrin and "Dick" Tobin. They were all applauded to the echo.

Many local military gentlemen were also present as guests. This occasion made up somewhat for the dulness and lack of interest which had characterized the Post of late, and presaged more successful conditions for the Encampment year.

BADGE PRESENTATION AND INSPECTION

The December meeting was enlivened by the pleasant incident of the presentation of a handsome gold G. A. R. badge to Senior Vice-Commander Jacobs, who was about to remove to New York. Past Commander Hollis in his felicitous manner made the presentation speech.

At the same meeting Comrade C. D. Stiles of Post No. 68, Dorchester, made the official inspection of the Post.

No Comrade was called home during the year.

CHAPTER XXV

Eighteen Hundred Ninety

The Post's Opportunity. Reception of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Kinsley. Memorial Day. Major-General Daniel E. Sickles, Orator. Reception at Young's. Temporary Headquarters and Drill. National Encampment in Boston. Kinsley "113" and Lafayette "140." Grand Banquet at Parker's. President Harrison and Cabinet. Parade of the Boys in Blue. Post No. 113 Mounted Escort to Commander-in-Chief. Anniversary at Young's. Lesser Items. Sketch of George A. Sawin.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER AUGUSTUS N. SAMPSON

Commander	George A. Sawin.
Senior Vice-Commander	George F. Hall.
Junior Vice-Commander	John H. Cook.
Adjutant	Frederick G. Storey.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. William H. Ruddick.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Caleb W. Hodgdon.
Officer of the Guard	William Carlton Ireland.
Sergeant Major	Charles C. Adams.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

THE POST'S OPPORTUNITY

THE year 1890 found the Post with its roll complete, its financial position assured, the largest Relief Fund, per capita, of any Post in the Department, and with a strong working membership backed by numerous and generous friends. The Post had already become well known locally as a unique, compact and influential organization composed of substantial men competent to carry through any project they might undertake.

Its opportunity had come to extend its fame, courtesies and comradeship beyond the limits of the Department; how well

this opportunity was improved, none know better than those who had the great privilege of sharing in the magnificent triumphs of this ever memorable year.

RECEPTION OF MR. AND MRS. KINSLEY

As a fitting prelude to the more important occurrences to follow later, the members of the Post, with their ladies, on the evening of March 8 took sleighs for the hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley, No. 277 Marlboro Street, Boston, where they enjoyed a reception given in their express honor. It was a merry and delightful party, which all who attended thoroughly enjoyed. It proved the last courtesy that Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley were permitted to offer "his boys."

In order that the Veterans on the waiting list might join in the exercises of the Encampment year, marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the return of peace, the restriction of the membership to one hundred thirteen was so far modified as to receive to membership all applicants then on the waiting list.

MEMORIAL DAY

The ceremonies, May 30, were of unusual interest and pathos. Tremont Temple was crowded to overflowing.

On the platform were seated Mayor Thomas N. Hart, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, Hon. Alanson W. Beard, Collector of the Port, General N. A. M. Dudley, Rev. Minot J. Savage, Internal Revenue Collector F. E. Orcutt, Past Department Commander George L. Goodale, Major Frederick G. King and the officers of his battalion, and Mr. George Stanton Sickles, son of Major-General Sickles.

The music under the direction of Comrade Joseph L. White was exceptionally fine.

MAJOR-GENERAL DANIEL E. SICKLES

Comrade William M. Osborne, in introducing the orator of the day, said:—

"Three of that great quartette that led our armies to victory at Gettysburg have joined their fallen Comrades. The faithful, intrepid Reynolds, the calm and judicious Meade, the fiery and superb Hancock, have pitched their tents across the river. But one remains, and he is here to-day.

"It is my great pleasure to present to you the Statesman, the Soldier and the Orator, Major-General Daniel E. Sickles of New York."

The crippled Veteran was assisted to the front of the stage amid tremendous enthusiasm and seated himself in an arm-chair.

His opening words were: —

"I have attended many memorial services on Memorial Days in various parts of our country, but I cannot recall one which has had for me an interest equal to that of to-day."

He then proceeded in a quiet conversational way, clearly audible to all, to relate at length many of his personal experiences during the Civil War. He expressed great admiration for the rank and file of the Volunteer Army, and made a strong, brave and manly appeal for pensions to all veterans. After paying a high tribute to the worth of Massachusetts' brave soldier, General Joseph Hooker, he advocated the erection of a suitable statue to perpetuate his memory and achievements. This wish of General Sickles was realized in 1903.

RECEPTION AT YOUNG'S

About one hundred fifty Comrades and guests were present at the afternoon reception.

Commander Sawin presided at the dinner, and Rev. Minot J. Savage invoked the divine blessing. The menu card bore a spirited army sketch by Comrade Charles W. Reed, the artist, representing the headquarters of General Sickles, July 2, 1863, at the Trostle House, Gettysburg.

The speakers were General Sickles, Mayor Thomas N. Hart, Carl Pfleuger, who also sang with fine effect a German song, and Comrade William M. Osborne, Maurice Barrymore, the talented young actor, and Comrade Murdock, who gave several recitations. All joined hands around the table and closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS AND DRILL

In July, by invitation of the officers of Battery A, Light Artillery, M. V. M., the Post removed to No. 59 West Newton Street. A new uniform was adopted and obtained. Weekly military drills were established for the purpose of limbering up stiff joints and refreshing the dim recollections of old-time tactics.

The "web-footed" contingent were not slow in pressing the infantry squad, and at times the cavalrymen had hard work to keep out of their way. However, all soon took up the old pace and "got there" in excellent form.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT IN BOSTON

Carrying out the early purpose of the year, Post No. 113 tendered a reception and banquet to Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York, to come off during Encampment week, August 11 to 16. This invitation being courteously accepted, full arrangements were made to carry it out.

RECEPTION OF LAFAYETTE NO. 140

The first duty of the Post, Encampment week, was to meet their invited Comrades and guests from New York. Post No. 140 left New York, accompanied by Kappa's 7th Regiment Band of fifty pieces, by a special train of Pullman cars, at one o'clock P.M., on Monday, August 11. Upon their arrival in Boston, the Kinsleys received them at the New York and New England station and escorted them, via City Hall and the State House, to the Langham Hotel.

The Lafayette Post was one of the leading Grand Army Posts of the country, having a remarkable list of prominent military gentlemen in its membership, many being distinguished officers in the Civil War. It brought one hundred forty-eight Comrades in its ranks, with the following officers: —

General Egbert L. Viele, Commander; Meredith L. Jones, Senior Vice-Commander; Jere S. Thompson, Junior Vice-Commander; Theodore W. Greig, Adjutant; and Henry F. Herkner, Quartermaster.

THE GRAND BANQUET TO LAFAYETTE

Promptly at six o'clock, Monday evening, August 11, the Comrades of Kinsley and Lafayette, with invited guests, assembled in the parlors of the Parker House, where an hour was devoted to an informal reception. Soon after seven the company marched to the Crystal dining hall, which was elaborately decorated with Union banners, representations of ancient armor, festoons of red, white and blue, glories of flags and festoons of tricolored bunting, presenting a magnificent appearance.

Over the chair of the presiding officer was displayed the Post's banner and above it the flag of the President of the United States.

Flowers in great profusion adorned the tables, and the banquet was a marvel of epicurean art.

The cover of the menu card was illustrated with an original sketch by Comrade Charles W. Reed, and the first page contained the following lines by Rev. Minot J. Savage: —

"How good it is, O brothers, thus to meet in peace to-day
With the fighting changed to feasting, and the grave things turned to gay;
While with shouts the grateful people cheer us on our happy way,
As we go marching on!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! etc.

"With a thought for Comrades absent and a tear for those who died,
With a cheer for grand America, our country and our pride,
Now with North and South united, let us close up side by side,
As we go marching on!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! etc."

Considering the eminent soldiers and statesmen present, and the elegance of the whole affair, it can be safely said that no public function ever given by the Post exceeded in éclat this banquet to Post No. 140. Commander George A. Sawin presided with grace and dignity at the head of the table; Commander Egbert L. Viele of Post No. 140 occupied the seat of honor at his right and shared with his Comrades in the glory of the occasion. During the progress of the banquet Major-General Daniel E. Sickles entered and received a warm reception. Soon after, the Presidential party entered to the strains of "Hail to the Chief," and vociferous cheering. President Harrison wore on one lapel of his dress coat the blue ribbon badge of Post No. 113 of Boston, and on the other the red badge of Post No. 140 of New York.

At 9.25 Commander Sawin opened the postprandial exercises with a short address, closing by introducing Comrade Charles H. Taylor as Toast-master. After several witty stories and a greeting of welcome to all the members of the Grand Army assembled in Boston, the Toast-master felicitously introduced the President of the United States, Comrade Benjamin Harrison. When the loud and long cheers which greeted this introduction had subsided, the President spoke as follows: —

"I do not count it the least of those fortunate circumstances which have occasionally appeared in my life that I am able here to-night to address you as Comrades of the Grand Army of the United States. It is an association great in its origin, great in its achievements and altogether worthy of perpetuation until the last of our associates shall have fallen into an honored grave.

"It is not my purpose to-night to address you any extended speech, but only to say that whether walking with you, many of you, in the private pursuits of life, or holding a place of official responsibility, I can never in either forget those who upheld the flag of this nation in those days when it was in peril.

"Everything that was worthy of preservation in our past, everything that is glowing and glorious in the future which we confront, turned upon the issue of that strife in which you were engaged.

"Will you permit me to wish for each of you a life full of sweetness, and that each of you may preserve untarnished and undimmed that love for the Flag which called you from your home to stand under its folds amid the shock of battle and amid dying men.

"I believe there are indications to-day in this country of a revived love for the Flag. I could wish that no American citizen would look upon it without saluting it."

Commander-in-Chief Russell A. Alger was next introduced. He said: —

"The Grand Army of the Republic takes off its hat to-night to Boston. We expected everything here; we are getting more. . . . I had the honor of being entertained by this great Post some months since, the Post that is to be my escort to-morrow.

"I gave the naval part of that command a few instructions. I hope they have been practising, not on the deck of a ship, but on the back of a horse. I want to say to you, as one of them says you have been doing, 'Boys, never mind the use of your spurs to-morrow, but hang on to the halyards.' . . . I bid you good night and God speed."

Then Commander Viele with eloquent words spoke for the Lafayettes. This was followed by the "Rally Song of the G. A. R. for 1890," written by Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, and dedicated to the visiting Comrades, to the tune of "Marching through Georgia," closing with one stanza from "America." The air was finely sung by Comrade Joseph L. White, all joining in the chorus. The words were as follows: —

I

"Hark! the call is sounding for the boys in blue once more;
Yes! I hear the bugle as it rings from shore to shore.
See! the ranks are filling as from every State we pour,
While we go marching together.

CHORUS

"Hurrah! hurrah! we sing the good old song;
Hurrah! hurrah! we join the mighty throng;
Raise the chorus to the sky, and shout it loud and long,
As we go marching together!

II

"Flag of battles many, not a star is lost to thee;
Land of martyrs noble, thou art country of the free;
Sword of right and justice, 'tis thy day of jubilee,
As we go marching together.

(*Chorus.*)

III

"Comrades who are tenting on the other side to-day,
Come and march beside us as we take our onward way.
None are dead or missing, all are on the roll, we say,
As we go marching together.

(*Chorus.*)

IV

"Far and wide 'Fraternity,' our word of peace, we send;
To our suffering Comrades noblest 'Charity' extend;
And our watchword, 'Loyalty,' forever we'll defend,
As we go marching together.

(*Chorus.*)

V

"Loyalty, Fraternity and Charity, these three,
Long live all to see them one with law and liberty!
So we sing the freeman's song o'er land and echoing sea,
As we go marching together."

(*Chorus.*)

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
Land where my fathers died,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring!"

Major-General Daniel E. Sickles was next presented and delivered the longest speech of the evening, which was repeatedly interrupted by great applause and tremendous cheers. The other speakers were Mayor Thomas N. Hart, Past Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild of Wisconsin, Department Commander Floyd Clarkson of New York, General A. W. Greeley,

U. S. Army, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, Comrade Dickman of New York and Governor Hoard of Wisconsin. Fred Emerson Brooks, the California poet, read an impromptu poem accredited to himself and Rev. Minot J. Savage, his next neighbor at the table, which had the true ring and was much applauded.

Among the noted guests not already named were: of the President's cabinet, Secretary of War Proctor, Secretary of Agriculture Rusk, Secretary of the Interior Noble; Hon. William McKinley of Ohio, afterwards President of the United States; Governor J. Q. A. Brackett of Massachusetts and his staff; ex-Governor John D. Long; General William T. Sherman; Hon. Alanson W. Beard, Collector of the Port; General William Cogswell; Major-General Charles Devens, Justice Supreme Judicial Court; General Cyrus Bussey, Assistant Secretary of Interior; Admiral Gherardi; and Commander Winfield G. Schley, U. S. Navy; and General Robert Nugent.

At 12.5 A.M. Sergeant Thomas W. Henry sounded "taps," and the Comrades joined hands around the tables, and to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" the most brilliant of the many successes of Post No. 113 passed into history.

GRAND PARADE

On Tuesday, August 12, the grand parade of thirty-five thousand Veterans took place. The line was formed on Commonwealth Avenue, and the procession was five hours and forty minutes in passing a given point, in an unbroken succession of marching men. It was a pageant the like of which was never before witnessed in Boston. Aside from the beauty of the spectacle, there was an inspiration of manly heroism and devotion to country emanating from the very presence and sight of the war-scarred heroes of many campaigns with their terrible battles, the representative remnant of that mighty host whose valor and sufferings compelled victory and saved the Union whole.

MOUNTED ESCORT

Post No. 113, well mounted, each man and horse as one, had the honor of leading the column, as escort to Commander-in-Chief Russell A. Alger. After passing the reviewing stand, the Post was dismissed, much to the relief of those unaccustomed to

ride, and all had the opportunity of witnessing the magnificent living and moving embodiment of patriotism.

The Encampment week was filled with reunion receptions, excursions, dinners and innumerable diversions for the more than two hundred thousand visiting Comrades and friends. The latch-string of Massachusetts hospitality was always and everywhere apparent.

A MONSTER CAMP FIRE

One of the most notable of all gatherings was the reception and Camp Fire, held in Mechanics Building, Wednesday evening, attended by ten thousand old soldiers, including Post No. 113 and their guests from New York.

The enthusiasm of this vast assembly was unexampled and almost overpowering. No one, unless a witness of it, could imagine the tremendous fervor and patriotic ardor with which the Veterans from all over the country joined as one man, in this most glorious and soul-lifting meeting.

It was an occasion of one's life to have been a partaker in it. Cheers upon cheers, and vociferous hurrahs, continually repeated, as one and another of the noted soldiers were presented, made it difficult to calm the wild expressions of joy sufficiently to allow any one to be heard. At last, Department Commander Innis, who presided, succeeded in formally opening the speech making by a brief introductory. Governor Brackett, the first regular speaker of the evening, set the keynote of enthusiasm and power, and down to the last man every speech was made with ringing effect, which held the audience in closest attention. The speeches were interspersed with both instrumental and vocal music of fine quality.

The greatest Commander of the War then living, General William T. Sherman, was present and spoke briefly, but from the heart. It proved to be the last time that most of the audience were permitted to see him or hear his voice, as, before the National Encampment of 1904 in Boston, he had passed beyond the veil.

The other speakers were Mayor Hart, Commander-in-Chief Alger, General Benjamin F. Butler, Major William McKinley, Past Commander-in-Chief Warner, General Sickles and Hon. Willard Howland.

The public press declared that: —

"In point of distinguished men, vast assemblage, admirable management and good speaking, this Camp Fire of the Grand Army Encampment and Woman's Relief Corps was a type of what is most brilliant and best in large public gatherings of a similar nature, and as regards the present Encampment it ranked as one of the most conspicuous successes of the week's celebration."

The meetings of the Encampment were held at Music Hall on Hamilton Place. On Thursday evening a grand complimentary banquet was given in Mechanics Hall to the delegates of the National Encampment; Friday they were taken by boat to Plymouth, and Saturday the steamer *New York* took them a sail up along the North Shore. In the afternoon they had an opportunity to view the evolutions off Boston Light of the Naval Squadron which had been lying in the harbor during the week in honor of the Encampment. The State donated fifty thousand dollars, the city of Boston twenty-five thousand dollars and citizens in proportion. The decorations, public and private, were lavish, while the generous hospitality shown on every hand, all in a spirit of utmost friendliness, contributed to make the whole week one of the most enjoyable and successful National Encampments ever held by the Grand Army.

A list of the notable men and women present upon this occasion would alone fill a small volume.

The following members of Post No. 113 served on one or more important committees which made the general arrangements and carried out the numerous details of the Encampment, viz.: Comrades Adams, Nathan Appleton, Blackmar, Benson, John D. Billings, John H. Cook, Charles G. Davis, Dalton, Hollis, Hersey, Hall, Hodgdon, Ireland, Jacobs, Edward W. Kinsley, Kendricken, Mathews, Parker, Eugene H. Richards, Sanborn, Sanderson, Sawin, Stillings, Charles H. Taylor, Cranmore N. Wallace, Waugh and White.

ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION AND BANQUET

The twenty-first Anniversary banquet was served at Young's Hotel, following a reception in which one hundred and thirty Comrades and guests participated. After dining, Commander Sawin called to order, and, congratulating the Post on the great and successful events of the year, he

announced that no member had been lost by death since the last anniversary occasion. Comrade Eugene H. Richards was presented as Toast-master. Affectionate reference was made to the loss of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and Past Department Commander Richard F. Tobin.

Two pleasant incidents of the evening were the presentation to the Post by Comrade Blackmar, in behalf of Mr. Charles W. Parker, of a fine portrait of Abraham Lincoln, the work of his son, Mr. Charles S. Parker, an artist of note, and the presentation of a solid silver loving cup by a delegation representing Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York, in remembrance of their delightful visit and entertainment by Kinsley Post No. 113, in Boston the previous August.

The other speakers were Mayor Thomas N. Hart, who had aided the Post all in his power during the Encampment; Hon. George A. Marden, State Treasurer; ex-Governor and General Nathaniel P. Banks; Hon. Sherman Hoar; Hon. Frederick T. Greenhalge; Mr. Edward W. Kinsley; Past Department Commander George L. Goodale, and Comrades James B. Brewster and J. C. L. Hamilton of Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York.

Duets and songs were rendered by Comrades Joseph L. White, Carl Pfleuger and Thomas H. Norris. It was a fitting conclusion of the year's stirring celebrations.

LESSER ITEMS

The commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Edward A. Horton at the Second Church, Copley Square, was celebrated by a reception and musicale given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Horton at the church, May 23. It was an interesting occasion, largely attended by members of the Post.

November 25 the annual inspection was made by Comrade W. H. Downs of Post No. 62.

December 9 a memorial was adopted on the death of National Senior Vice-Commander and Past Department Commander of Massachusetts Richard F. Tobin.

GEORGE A. SAWIN

Service, Civil War. 22d Mass. Infantry.
13th Veteran Reserve Corps. Sergeant.

Commander Sawin was one of the Comrades who united with the Post at the time of its organization, December 2, 1869, and was an active member during nearly all the period since. His longest official service was as Chaplain, though he occupied several other stations prior to his election as Senior Vice-Commander. By the death of his predecessor in the mid-year, the duties of acting Commander were cast upon him during the last half of 1887, thus making his service as presiding officer two and one-half years.

Owing to conditions already described, his service for the first half of this period was rather trying and not of a satisfying nature. He had, however, the honor of serving during the first great National Encampment held in Boston, and carried through with great success and credit the arduous duties of the Encampment week, including the most brilliant reception and banquet ever given by Post No. 113, at which were present an array of great soldiers, statesmen and literati such as never before or since graced a banquet board in Massachusetts' capital city.

It was during his administration that the Post was introduced into a larger field and carried the reputation of Post No. 113 far beyond its own limited border, from which it has never receded.

CHAPTER XXVI

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-one

Notable Memorial Service. Mrs. Harriet R. P. Stafford. The First Stars and Stripes. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. Visit to Lafayette. The Tomb of General Grant. West Point. Grand Banquet at New York. First Fall Field Day. Twenty-second Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Mr. Edward W. Kinsley. Sketch of Commander George F. Hall.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER WILMON W. BLACKMAR

Commander	George F. Hall.
Senior Vice-Commander	John H. Cook.
Junior Vice-Commander	Caleb W. Hodgdon.
Adjutant	Augustus N. Sampson.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Samuel L. Dutton.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	William Carlton Ireland.
Officer of the Guard	Benjamin H. Ticknor.
Sergeant Major	Augustine Sanderson.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Otis H. Neal.

NOTABLE MEMORIAL SERVICES

NOTWITHSTANDING the strenuous duties and enjoyments of the National Encampment just ended, the year was brightened by several events of more than ordinary significance.

May 30 the Post, with the usual escort of four companies of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., marched from the South Armory, Irvington Street, to the Common, via Marlboro Street. In passing the residence of Mr. Edward W. Kinsley a salute was given him as he stood at the window; it was the last Memorial Day he had the pleasure of looking upon "his boys," as he always affectionately called them.

GEORGE F. HALL
Post Commander, 1891

MRS. HARRIET R. P. STAFFORD AND THE ORIGINAL STARS AND STRIPES

Memorial Day, always full of peculiar pathos, was rendered especially interesting by the unusual scenes which characterized the services this year in Tremont Temple.

After the decoration of the cenotaph, including the music and addresses appertaining thereto, Chaplain Horton introduced a feature that roused old and young, men and women, soldier and sailor, Veteran and Militiaman, to the greatest enthusiasm. He had in his address referred to the love of the Veterans for the Flag they fought to save, when suddenly he displayed the Stars and Stripes, explaining that the ensign he held in his hand was the "Original Stars and Stripes," the first Flag made in the United States, the first banner of the Union gazed upon by the eyes of the American people.

It was made by the ladies of Philadelphia, and Paul Jones floated it on a small boat on the Schuylkill River. He afterwards transferred it to the *Bon Homme Richard*, and during the engagement of that vessel with the British vessel *Serapis*, it was shot from the mast and fell into the water. Lieutenant Stafford, of the *Bon Homme Richard*, jumped overboard, recovered the Flag, and nailed it to the mast. The Flag was afterward given him for gallantry in that action. Mrs. Harriet R. P. Stafford, of Cottage City, a descendant of Lieutenant Stafford, now the owner of the Flag, was then introduced by Chaplain Horton. A boarding cutlass that belonged to the equipment of the *Bon Homme Richard* and was used in the engagement with the *Serapis* was also exhibited. During this dramatic recital, and for a considerable time after, the audience was wild with excitement: ladies and children waved their handkerchiefs and sobbed; Comrades on the platform and floor swung their hats and cheered, and the young militiamen rose to their feet, clapped their hands and shouted. It was the most vivid patriotic scene ever enacted at a Memorial Day service.

MARY A. LIVERMORE

But the day's events were not ended. Immediately after the episode just related, Commander Hall presented Mrs. Mary A.

Livermore, the orator of the day, who was the first woman to so officiate upon a Memorial Day celebration in Boston. She first spoke of her remembrances just prior to and at the breaking out of the Civil War in 1861; then of her experiences in the army in taking out supplies for the sick and those in hospitals. Her graphic portrayal of scenes in army life affected many of her hearers to tears, and old Veterans were seen to remove their eye-glasses and wipe away the drops of sympathy.

She also related an instance of meeting a railway porter in Switzerland with an artificial leg, wearing as she thought a Grand Army badge, but thought of course it could not be so. As the man came toward her she saw her first observation was correct; she said: —

"I immediately forgot all conventionalities and hurried to him, and in the very best French I could muster, I asked him how it came about that he, a Swiss railway porter, was wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic of America.

"He said, speaking perfect English, 'Madame, I enlisted in the service of your country in June, 1861, and I was mustered out in October, 1865.'

"'Where did you lose your leg?'

"'At Gettysburg,' said he, 'and I still remained in the service, as I wanted to see the end. I went into the invalid corps for duty in the hospital. Madame, your America and my America is a good nation to live for, to fight for, to die for. By and by, when the old father and mother pass away, I am going back to my America; I have no family; I receive a pension from the United States government and am a naturalized citizen. I am going back some time. Believe me, America is to be the Messiah of nations.'"

Her remembrance of the soldiers of 1861–1865 was the sweetest, tenderest, most appreciative and sincere tribute ever offered to the boys in blue.

At the conclusion of her address the applause was hearty and long continued. It was indeed a memorable occasion.

VISIT TO LAFAYETTE POST

Ere the roses bloomed in the springtime, an urgent invitation had been received from the Comrades of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York, to visit them in connection with the visit of Meade Post No. 1 of Philadelphia, which invitation had been

accepted. Ninety-eight members of the Post, accompanied with guests and reporters, left for New York in three sleeping coaches the evening of June 24, arriving the next morning at New York and breakfasting at the Murray Hill Hotel. About 8.30 A.M. Lafayette Post, parading one hundred seventy-five Comrades in their natty uniforms and white helmets, under command of Senior Vice-Commander Jere S. Thompson, with Bodwell's Band, reported at the hotel. After the customary military courtesies, they escorted Kinsley Post to the West Forty-third Street pier, where the gayly decorated steamer *Cepheus* was in waiting. At nine o'clock the *Cepheus*, with colors flying, bands playing and Comrades cheering, left the pier for Jersey City, where the one hundred seventy-five Comrades of George G. Meade Post No. 1 of Philadelphia, Commander Louis P. Langer, were received.

Among the distinguished guests on board were Major-General Oliver O. Howard, U. S. Army; Rear Admiral Braine, U. S. Navy; Commander-in-Chief Wheelock G. Veazey; Assistant Adjutant-General Charles H. R. Freeman and Quartermaster General John Taylor, G. A. R.; Mayor Edwin Stuart; George Roney, Director of Public Safety; General St. Clair A. Mulholland; Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker; Colonel B. Brooke and Colonel W. W. Allen of Philadelphia; Department Commander Charles H. Freeman; Past Department Commander Floyd Jackson and L. S. Emery, Assistant Adjutant-General, G. A. R., of New York; Past Commander-in-Chief George S. Merrill; and Carl Pfleuger of Massachusetts.

It took only a short time for the old Soldiers to become thoroughly acquainted and the exchange of badges to become active. The special badge prepared by Post No. 140 consisted of a bronze pin inscribed "June 25, 1891," from which were suspended crossed flags surmounted by a soaring eagle, and beneath three links inscribed, "Meade, Kinsley, Lafayette." Upon the links rested a miniature badge of the G. A. R.

The sail up the Hudson, always one of the grandest and most picturesque in America, and in many respects rivalling the famous trip on the Rhine, was especially delightful in this genial company, and upon one of lovely June's unrivalled days.

On passing the tomb of General Grant at Riverside, the bell of the steamer was tolled, the Flag dropped to half mast, and

the band played a dirge. At Peekskill the famous 7th Regiment of New York were in camp, and a salute was given in passing.

The Lafayette Glee Club led in singing the old songs and also executed several original productions abounding in local hits and witticisms. One of the verses to Kinsley Post was as follows: —

"There's a little Post in Boston town,
And Kinsley is their name,
To excel them in hospitality
Is not an easy game:
There are no flies on Kinsley,
We found none there last fall:
And now we've got them over here,
They shan't go home at all."

The boat arrived at West Point at 1 P.M., where the party was met by Colonel Wilson, the Commandant, and a Major-General's salute was given to General Howard. A speech of welcome was made by Colonel Wilson, to which General Howard responded. The boys were courteously shown over the grounds and buildings; all points of interest were carefully noted. To many this trip and visit were new, but for all it was a most enjoyable occasion, long to be remembered.

After a two hours' visit the boat was again taken and arrived back at New York about six o'clock. The comrades of Lafayette were unremitting from start to finish in their attentions to their guests, and the lavish hospitality in all directions could not be exceeded. On the return trip Major-General Daniel Butterfield was added to the other notable guests.

THE BANQUET

After an informal reception at the Manhattan Athletic Club House, corner of Madison Avenue and Forty-fifth Street, about five hundred sat down to the tables in the theatre of the club. The decorations were tasteful and appropriate. The stage was set with a garden scene and the banner, colors and guidons of Post No. 140 with stacked arms. Palms, ferns and flowers were profuse and beautiful. The banquet was elaborate, and many men of national renown were present. The speakers were as follows: Senior Vice-Commander Jere

S. Thompson, who presided; Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, a member of Post No. 140, who acted as Toast-master, and made an eloquent and characteristic speech of welcome. Then followed Commander Langer of Meade Post; Rev. Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia; Commander Hall of Kinsley Post, who received an ovation — the Comrades of Lafayette and Meade vying with each other in the heartiness of their greeting; Commander-in-Chief Veazey; General Howard; General Roger Swayne; Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton of Post No. 113; Mayor Stuart of Philadelphia; and Department Commander Freeman of New York. Mr. Emerson Brooks and Mr. Louis Aldrich gave pleasing recitations.

At 12.50 A.M. this reunion of Veterans, never excelled in brilliancy, cementing in closest friendship the Comrades of three cities, closed with resounding cheers.

Kinsley Post boarded its special train of sleepers, and at eight o'clock the next morning arrived safely home in Boston.

FALL FIELD DAY

The following September a new feature was added in what was denominated a Fall Field Day, consisting of an all day's target shoot at Walnut Hill range and a social evening of enjoyment, enlivened by the distribution of prizes won at the butts. It proved for over ten years a pleasant annual outing and induced quite a spirit of generous rivalry in finding the "bull's eye."

The first "shoot" came off September 29, and excellent scores were rolled up. Many of the prizes were of artistic or intrinsic value, and every shooter received one or more tokens; the "booby" prize consisted of a leather target framed in oxidized silver and suspended by golden chains from a cartridge pin, while the "consolation" prize was a wooden breech-loader of the "Johnny-get-your gun" pattern.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Saturday evening, November 21, the twenty-second Anniversary banquet was held at Young's Hotel. The arrangements for the entertainment were admirably planned and successfully carried out. Comrade "Joe" White had charge of the musical programme.

The speakers were Commander Hall, who presided, with Past Commander Blackmar, Toast-master; Hon. Alanson W. Beard, Collector of the Port; Past Commanders Augustus N. Sampson and Eugene H. Richards; Comrades Charles H. Taylor, Captain "Jack" Adams of Post No. 5, Lynn, "Private Billy Olin" of Post No. 26, Roxbury; Department Commander Arthur A. Smith; Colonel Theodore A. Barton of Providence, Rhode Island; Comrade Hawley of Post No. 40, Malden; our German Comrade Carl Pfleuger; and the following visiting Comrades from Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York, viz.: Waldo Sprague, A. S. Blake, L. E. Evans and G. W. Jones.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a massive silver loving cup by Kinsley Post to Lafayette, in remembrance of the delightful visit to New York the previous June. Comrade Sprague received the cup in behalf of the Lafayettes.

MINOR EVENTS

The initial social was held January 27 and consisted of music, a war paper, exhibition of the phonograph and a collation.

On February 24, Past Department Commander John G. B. Adams described his experiences as a prisoner of war and escape therefrom. Mr. L. M. Chase, master of the Dudley Grammar School, read a paper on "The Natural Beauty of America," including his visit to Yellowstone Park. Also music and a collation.

March 24, a rare musical treat was enjoyed with the eminent artists Comrades Myron W. Whitney and William H. Fessenden, assisted by Mr. Herndon Morsell and Mr. William L. Whitney. The usual collation was served.

April 14, a copy of the original charter of Post No. 1, G. A. R., Decatur, Illinois, was presented to the Post.

April 28, Comrade Gardner C. Hawkins related his war experiences, and a collation was served.

June 23, Comrade Charles W. Reed related his army experiences, and Charles C. Adams read a war paper.

September 29, Comrade John C. Cook presented the Post with a photograph of William J. Haynes of Blair Post, St. Louis, Missouri, the oldest living Comrade of the G. A. R., one hundred three years of age.

On the 27th of October, Comrade Adams read a paper on the battle of Fair Oaks.

The annual inspection by Comrade Fred T. Hawley of Post No. 40, Malden, Assistant Department Inspector, took place November 10. The same evening Commander Hall presented the Post with a State flag.

December 18, entertainment by Le Roy, the illusionist, and Mr. Dow, impersonator.

The losses by death were Comrade Nathaniel M. Putnam, September 5, and Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, December 26, the gentleman for whom the Post was named.

Mr. Kinsley's funeral at Trinity Church, December 29, was attended by the Comrades he loved, and suitable resolutions were adopted to his memory. Engrossed resolutions of sympathy were also received by Kinsley Post from Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York.

EDWARD W. KINSLEY

Mr. Kinsley was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, May 24, 1829. He came to Boston in 1848 and up to 1872 was engaged in mercantile business. He was appointed a State director of the New York and New England Railroad in 1873 and five years later a member of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. In 1883 he resigned, but the following year was reappointed, continuing in said office up to the date of his death.

During the Civil War Mr. Kinsley was the right-hand man of War Governor John A. Andrew, and conducted many confidential and highly important matters between the State and National governments.

He was very active in raising money for the War and continually interested himself in the welfare of the Soldiers at the front. During the latter part of the War, at a time when strict orders had been issued that no civilian should be allowed within the army lines, he was sent upon an important mission which necessitated his going within the lines. He saw President Lincoln and explained the nature of his business, and after some hesitation the President issued a letter which was ever after highly prized by Mr. Kinsley. It read as follows: —

"To All Officers of the Army of the Potomac:

"You will allow the bearer, Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, to pass inside our lines at whatever time he may choose and at any point he may desire, and officers will see that he has proper escort.

"Abraham Lincoln."

In all matters connected with the War Mr. Kinsley was a large-hearted and public-spirited citizen. It was such as he who made it possible for the first and subsequent troops sent out to be well equipped, and much of the care used by the Governor in looking after the Massachusetts men in the field, and especially the hospital, was doubtless caused by the comprehensive letters and reports made by Mr. Kinsley through personal visits and investigations at the front.

His interest in Post No. 113 never flagged, and for twenty-one years he was present upon nearly all public occasions. His death removed from among us one of the few survivors of the old-time gentlemen prominently associated with the stirring scenes of the War of 1861 to 1865.

GEORGE F. HALL

Service, Civil War.	44th Mass. Infantry.
Service, M. V. M.	1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Inspector Rifle Practice.
	Colonel and Inspector General Rifle Practice, Staff Governor Greenhalge.
	Brigadier-General and Inspector-General Rifle Practice, Staff Governor Wolcott.

Following the very active Encampment year a quiet and easy time might reasonably be expected, but such was not the case. There was "something doing" most of the time, and all were of an interesting character. Commander Hall was a good presiding officer, and had a way of pleasantly praising the efforts of all who took any active part in carrying on the organization or assisting in its functions.

He had much originality, with a genius for details. His genial ways made him extremely popular, and there was no reaction from the position taken by the Post the previous year. In fine, his administration was a success. Since then he has been a prominent and influential member of the Post and has

performed notable service on important committees and the Council of Administration.

Commander Hall might well fit Marcus Aurelius Antoninus' idea of what he calls "a man of probity."

"His distinction lies in letting reason guide his practice, in contentment with all that is allotted him, keeping pure the divinity within him, untroubled by a crowd of appearances; preserving it tranquil, and obeying it as a god. He is all truth in his word, and justice in his actions, and if the whole world should disbelieve his integrity, dispute his character, and question his happiness, he would neither take it ill in the least nor turn aside from that path that leads to the aim of life, towards which he must move pure, calm, well prepared, and with perfect resignation in his fate."

CHAPTER XXVII

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-two

Memorial Day. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., Orator. The Second Commander to die in Office. New Post Badge. Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander John H. Cook.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER THOMAS R. MATHEWS

Commander	John H. Cook.
Senior Vice-Commander	W. Wallace Waugh.
Junior Vice-Commander	Samuel Harrington.
Adjutant	Cranmore N. Wallace.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Charles B. Tower.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	Lewis Eddy.
Sergeant Major	James G. Harris.
Quartermaster Sergeant	William H. Neale.

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30 the Post with the usual escort of five companies and band of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., held its usual memorial services at the Common and Tremont Temple. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., delivered an appreciative address upon the character and services of Edward W. Kinsley. Among the prominent men present were ex-Governor Alexander H. Rice, ex-Mayor Frederick W. Lincoln, Collector Alanson W. Beard, Hon. Jonathan Lane, Mr. Curtis Guild, Mr. Curtis Guild, Jr., Colonel Arnold A. Rand, Hon. Frederick L. Ames, Major George O. Carpenter and Mr. Kidder.

The dinner in the afternoon at Young's was well attended. Past Commander Hollis acted as Toast-master and gracefully introduced the following speakers: Hon. Charles T. Gallagher,

JOHN H. COOK
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Hon. A. W. Beard, Colonel A. A. Rand, Mr. A. C. Burrage, Post Chaplain Horton and Past Commander Blackmar.

August 19 Commander Cook passed away, the second Commander of the Post to die in office.

POST BADGE

The present Post badge, of elegant design and wrought in gold, was adopted in September. The following is a description: —

"A gold star one and one-half inches in diameter, irradiated; with seven points, each point supporting a hand holding a spear, and intermediate between each two points a cannon dismounted pointing inward. In the centre a circle seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, with an outer edge in blue enamel, one-eighth of an inch in diameter, bearing the legend 'Edward W. Kinsley Post, G. A. R.' in gold. The centre of circle nine-sixteenths of an inch in diameter in white enamel, with bold figures '113' displayed in gold. The badge suspended by a gold ring, from a red, white and blue silk ribbon one and one-half inches wide. Reverse of badge plain gold, the upper point bearing an engraved number."

ANNIVERSARY

The twenty-third Anniversary banquet at Young's Hotel was held, as usual, November 22. The music was in charge of Comrade White and embraced patriotic songs and ballads by the Mendelssohn Quartette, with Professor Leon Keach as pianist. After the reception one hundred fifty members and guests sat down at the tables. Senior Vice-Commander W. Wallace Waugh presided, and Past Commander Augustus N. Sampson acted as Toast-master. The principal speakers were: Colonel William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth; Department Commander Churchill; "Captain Jack" Adams; James B. Bach of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York; Comrade Paul H. Kendricken; Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar; and Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, who presented the Post with an elegantly bound volume entitled "Personal War Sketches," from Mrs. Sarah C. Fisher Wellington, in memory of her late husband, Colonel and Past Commander Austin C. Wellington.

Carl Pfleuger made a neat speech and sang "Columbus's Vision," from "1492." Eight Comrades of Lafayette Post No. 140 were present. It was a very satisfactory occasion.

The annual inspection was made December 13 by Comrade C. W. Putnam of Post No. 10, Worcester, Assistant Inspector.

MINOR EVENTS

January 23, an address was given by Rev. George S. Ball, late Chaplain of the 21st Massachusetts Infantry, on the "Engagement at Roanoke Island." Shipmate Jack Reading, a colored naval Veteran who served on the *Kearsarge* in its fight with the *Alabama*, gave an account of the battle off Cherbourg, France. On the 26th, Comrade Francis S. Haseltine entertained with war sketches. April 20, Comrade James D. Leatherbee gave his interview with Kit Carson, and Comrade A. M. Benson recounted his capture, imprisonment and escape from the enemy in 1864.

January 12, representatives of the Post attended the installation of the officers of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York.

In February the Ladies' Aid Association held a fair in Music Hall in aid of the Soldiers' Home. The Post donated one hundred thirteen dollars for the cause, and its members actively assisted in carrying on the fair. Commander-in-Chief John Palmer and Department Commander Smith were present and spoke on the evening of the 10th.

At the March meeting Comrade Hall was presented with an Eighteenth Corps badge.

October 4, the second fall field day and target shoot was held at Walnut Hill, with a social dinner at the American House in the evening.

The deaths were William K. Millar, August 21, and John Greeley S. White, April 19.

JOHN H. COOK

Service, Civil War. 10th Mass. Infantry. Private; Corporal.
57th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant.
3d Mass. Battalion Rifles.

Commander Cook was very active in the arrangements for the Encampment held in 1890, and in 1891 was appointed chairman of most of the Post special committees of importance; in 1892 until his sickness in May, as Post Commander, he was active.

He was a man of positive convictions, rather impulsive and aggressive in speech and manner, and, like most others of his temperament, had strong friends and some enemies.

He was a ready and forcible speaker and in many respects was a strong man with great individuality. He was one who preferred to carry responsibility and run things himself. Before his sickness, which terminated in his death in August, nothing of importance transpired in the Post Calendar.

The principal duties of the year fell upon Senior Vice-Commander Waugh. Though the principal events went off well, it was not as pleasant and harmonious in the membership as could have been wished. This feeling was not primarily caused by the present administration, though accentuated by it; the underlying reason was the system of selecting officers, as mentioned elsewhere.

CHAPTER XXVIII

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-three

Ladies' Night. Memorial Services. General Joshua L. Chamberlain, Orator. A Touching Incident. Reception to Commander-in-Chief Adams. Anniversary Banquet. Reception to Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Cranmore N. Wallace.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER WILMON W. BLACKMAR

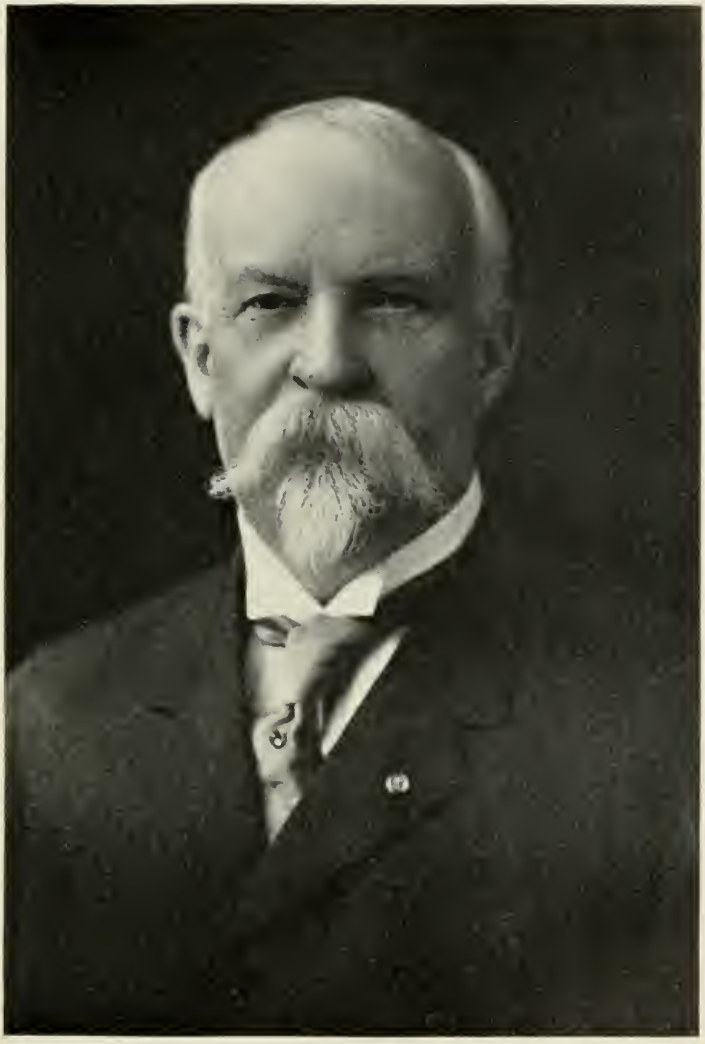
Commander	Cranmore N. Wallace.
Senior Vice-Commander	Samuel Harrington.
Junior Vice-Commander	William Carleton Ireland.
Adjutant	James G. Harris.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Surgeon	Dr. Charles B. Tower.
Officer of the Day	James S. Barrows.
Officer of the Guard	Walter Burns.
Sergeant Major	Louis G. A. Fauteaux.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

ladies' night

THE year opened very pleasantly with a social entertainment in honor of the ladies of the Post, held in the Irvington Street Armory, by the courtesy of Past Commander Mathews, Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., in command of the Armory.

The Comrades and ladies assembled in the officers' room and listened to an interesting paper by Past Commander Nathan Appleton on Santo Domingo, with stereopticon views. Comrade White delighted the audience with the song "Brown October Ale," from "Robin Hood," also his composition "My Rose."

The company then proceeded to the drill hall and witnessed a review of the Boston Battalion of the Naval Brigade, tendered to the Post by Lieutenant Commander Soley. Com-



CRANMORE N. WALLACE

Post Commander, 1893

mander Wallace acted as reviewing officer, with the other officers of the Post as his staff. The review was followed by an exhibition drill and a collation.

MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Sunday the Post attended services at the Young Men's Christian Union, upon invitation of Mr. W. H. Baldwin, who delivered an address upon "Memorial Day, its Lessons of Loyalty and Devotion to Country." Special music was rendered by the Corinthian Male Quartette.

May 30, the Memorial observances were carried out substantially as in former years. After the Post had assembled at the Irvington Street Armory and been drawn up in line, with the escort of five companies of the 1st Regiment of Infantry, M. V. M., and band, a touching incident occurred. Four Veterans of the old First Massachusetts Association marched into the hall, bearing four Flags too tattered to be unfurled: Flags presented to the gallant "Old First" upon its departure to the front in 1861 and carried in its many engagements with the enemy.

Comrade James D. Leatherbee, a Veteran of the "Old First," in an appropriate speech transferred these sacred relics of the War to the care of Colonel Thomas R. Mathews, the Commander of the 1st Regiment, M. V. M., and a Veteran of the "Old First" and a Comrade of Post No. 113, who received the Flags and had them placed in his headquarters, where they would be sacredly guarded and preserved.

AT MUSIC HALL

The regular services of the day were held in Music Hall. The decorations, flowers, ceremonies and music were all beautiful, but the audience was quite small, in marked contrast with the usual large concourse present. General Joshua L. Chamberlain of Maine delivered a long and carefully prepared oration, and Chaplain Horton made a short and spirited address in closing. Among the prominent persons present were: General Stewart L. Woodford, of New York; General A. P. Martin; Colonel Thomas E. Barker; Judges Field, Bumpus and Asa French. Eighty Comrades of the Post were present, the largest number parading on any previous Memorial Day.

The dinner at Young's in the afternoon was a very social and patriotic function, at which most of the gentlemen named as present at Music Hall attended and spoke.

Commander Wallace presided with his usual dignity and grace, and Past Commander Augustus N. Sampson was Toastmaster. Justice Walbridge A. Field and General Augustus P. Martin made especially fine addresses.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ADAMS

In September the Suffolk County Posts gave a hearty greeting and reception in Faneuil Hall to Commander-in-Chief John G. B. Adams, in which the Post took an active part. Lieutenant-Governor Roger Wolcott and most of the prominent G. A. R. officers and ex-officers of the State were present.

The annual Fall Field Day was enjoyed at Walnut Hill and the evening at Post headquarters.

Post inspection by Comrade Everett A. Stevens of Post No. 11 was held November 14.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The twenty-fourth Anniversary reception and banquet was held at Young's, November 22, with unbroken ranks for the year. Commander Wallace, looking every inch a soldier, with mustache and imperial, à la Phil Kearney, one of the handsomest men in the Post, — which is saying a great deal, as "113" is phenomenal for the percentage of fine, handsome, manly-looking men in its membership, — presided and made a neat speech, introducing the prince of toast-masters, Comrade Charles H. Taylor. After relating several amusing anecdotes, Comrade Taylor gave a very interesting and instructive résumé of the principal world events and changes that had taken place within the past twenty-four years, the life of the Post, and closed by gracefully presenting Governor William E. Russell, who made an excellent address which was warmly received.

The other speakers were Hon. A. W. Beard; Department Commander Eli W. Hall; General A. P. Martin; Major L. C. Brackett and Colonel Alexander Thane of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York; Rev. F. H. Hinman; Mr. Robert A. Barnett, author of "1492"; Alderman John H. Lee; Hon. Sherman

Hoar, U. S. District Attorney, read an original poem entitled "The Three Sentinels," portraying three types of the Union Volunteer.

Among the other guests present were: Captain Edgar Williams; Major Asa S. Blake; Colonels W. E. Shepard, A. P. Tate and L. E. Evans, of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York; David F. Barry, President Common Council; Colonel Harry E. Russell; Assistant Adjutant-General H. O. Moore of the G. A. R.; Mr. Carl Pfleuger and Mr. A. W. Carr.

The music was under the direction of Comrades Myron W. Whitney and William H. Fessenden. It was a very delightful occasion.

MINOR EVENTS

At the meeting held March 28, Mr. Williams gave recitations and readings. April 11, Comrade J. M. Perkins of the *G. A. R. Record* delivered an address, and on the 25th vocal selections were rendered by the Whitney Quartette. At each of these entertainments a collation was served.

A pleasant reception to Commander-in-Chief A. G. Weissert was given by the Post, June 29. Six of the other Boston Posts were represented.

CRANMORE N. WALLACE

Service, Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant; Acting Lieutenant commanding his company.
43d Mass. Infantry. Sergeant; special service, Lieutenant and Aide de Camp.
Colonel and Aide de Camp Staff of General A. R. Chaffee.

At the opening of the year there was an apparent unrest among the membership, but it grew less as time went on. All the events of the year were well planned and executed; indeed, considering that no important public matter came up, there are few years when the routine celebrations have been more enjoyable or better appreciated.

Commander Wallace presided with entire acceptance upon all occasions. He was a good executive officer, with a clear head for perfecting details and, being always genial and considerate of others, was in many respects an ideal Commander.

He was fortunate in his Adjutant, and his administration

was well supported by the Board of Officers; under such circumstances the reputation of the Post was advanced and strengthened.

Since his term as Commander, he has performed much valuable service upon various committees of the Post, and his zeal, business methods and ability were conspicuously shown in the arrangements for the National Encampment in Boston held in 1904 as Chairman of the Committee on Parade, Assistant Adjutant-General to General Black, Commander-in-Chief, as well as a member of the Encampment Executive Committee.

SAMUEL HARRINGTON
Post Commander, 1894

CHAPTER XXIX

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-four

The Memory of Edward W. Kinsley Honored. Memorial Services. General Oliver O. Howard, Orator. Fall Field Day. Anniversary Banquet. Sketch of Commander Samuel Harrington.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY COMRADE WALTER S. PARKER OF READING

Commander	Samuel Harrington.
Senior Vice-Commander	William Carleton Ireland.
Junior Vice-Commander	Louis G. A. Fauteaux.
Adjutant	James G. Harris.
Surgeon	Dr. Charles B. Tower.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Charles C. Adams.
Officer of the Guard	Orrin Bent.
Sergeant Major	John C. Cook.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

HONOR TO THE MEMORY OF EDWARD W. KINSLEY

THE year opened with a handsome donation to the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, for the purpose of furnishing a room in honor of Edward W. Kinsley, the godfather of the Post.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday, May 18, the Post attended special Memorial services at the Young Men's Christian Union, upon invitation of Mr. William H. Baldwin. Ex-Governor John D. Long delivered an address.

GENERAL OLIVER O. HOWARD

The Memorial Day ceremonies, May 30, followed the general plan. At Music Hall, after the ritualistic programme had been finely carried out, Major-General Oliver O. Howard, U. S.

Army, wearing his military uniform, delivered a comprehensive and exceedingly interesting review of the historic battle of Gettysburg, in which he took so prominent a part. The delivery of his address, which was curtailed for lack of time, occupied one hour and eighteen minutes. He was frequently interrupted by applause.

So few of the prominent figures of the great War then survived that General Howard's presence was an inspiration, and brought back vividly the experiences of over thirty years before.

A new feature of the day, which has since been continued, was the attendance of about five hundred pupils from the public, grammar and high schools. This object lesson of patriotism could not well fail of its intended purpose. Mrs. Harriet R. P. Stafford, Governor Greenhalge and other prominent persons were seated on the platform.

The music, under the direction of Comrades Whitney and Fessenden, was of a high order. Mrs. Jennie Patrick Walker and other noted talent took part in the programme. The exercises were closed by the singing of Hellwig's "Requiam Eternam" by the sixteen male voices, and "taps" sounded by three trumpeters.

THE DINNER

The reception and dinner at Young's in the afternoon was attended by one hundred twenty-five persons; among the prominent guests were Governor Greenhalge; General Howard; Lieutenant Treat, Aide de Camp; General Joseph C. Smith of Bangor, Maine, who served on General Howard's staff; Rev. G. W. Collier, late Chaplain, U. S. Army, and who served on General Logan's staff; Comrades D. Comyn Moran and Blasclock of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York; Colonel Joseph B. Parsons, Cyrus A. Page and Colonel Albert Clarke, nearly all of whom spoke at the postprandial exercises.

The following members of the Post also spoke very effectively: Past Commanders Blackmar, Eugene H. Richards, Sampson and Hollis, Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton and Comrade Benton. Commander Harrington presided gracefully, and Past Commanders Blackmar and Richards divided the honors of toast-mastership.

The exercises of the day were of a most satisfactory character,

and few, if any, more typical of what Post No. 113 aspires to have its memorials were ever held.

FIELD DAY

The annual Fall Field Day was observed at Walnut Hill and at the headquarters in the evening, October 3. The target scores were exceptionally high.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The twenty-fifth Anniversary was celebrated with more than ordinary fervor at Young's, November 22, with unbroken ranks, making two successive years. Commander Harrington presided and called to order. In a felicitous speech he welcomed all to the twenty-fifth birthday celebration of the Post; recalling some of the principal events of the past twenty-five years, he closed by introducing Past Commander J. Edward Hollis as Toast-master.

The first speaker was Past Commander Blackmar, who gave a general sketch of the Post history, bringing many forgotten incidents, both gay and grave, to mind. He was followed by Rear Admiral Belknap, U. S. Navy; Mr. Otis E. Weld; "Captain Jack" Adams, who made one of his most enlivening speeches, which is saying a good deal, since he was always near "Concert Pitch"; Chaplain Horton; Past Commanders Mathews, Sampson and Eugene H. Richards; Department Commander Wetherbee; Assistant Adjutant-General Moore and Comrade L. E. Evans of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York. All spoke with unwonted enthusiasm, and to the evident delight of the large number of guests and members present.

A pleasant incident was the presentation of a gold Post Commander's badge to Past Commander Augustine Sanderson. Music was furnished by the Corinthian Quartette and Henry's Orchestra.

The banquet lasted over three hours without a dull minute in it.

The few social meetings of the year were confined to a talk by General Augustus P. Martin on his personal reminiscences of the War, and one or two unambitious musicales.

The year closed with the inspection, December 11.

SAMUEL HARRINGTON

Service, Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Lieutenant-Colonel; Aide de Camp.

Commander Harrington was a cultivated scholarly gentleman, quiet and rather reserved in manner. His term was unusually devoid of excitement, and little but the Memorial and Anniversary occurrences lifted the Post from its peaceful routine. These two celebrations, however, were of more than ordinary interest.

As a presiding officer Commander Harrington lent a quiet dignity to the position; upon the few public occasions he was called on to represent the Post it was well done. The prestige of the Post was maintained, and the Commander had the respect and support of the members. He died October 5 of the following year.

WILLIAM CARLETON IRELAND
Post Commander, 1895

CHAPTER XXX

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-five

Memorial Ceremonies. General Nelson A. Miles, Orator. The Third Commander dies in Office. Fall Field Day. Ex-Confederate General John B. Gordon. Death of Past Commander Harrington. The Twenty-sixth Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander William Carleton Ireland.

Officers installed by past commander Eugene H. Richards

Commander	William Carleton Ireland.
Senior Vice-Commander	James G. Harris.
Junior Vice-Commander	Charles C. Adams.
Adjutant	William Garrison Reed.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Charles B. Tower.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Ira B. Goodrich.
Officer of the Guard	Arthur Hooper.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

Memorial ceremonies

SUNDAY evening, May 26, the Post attended the very interesting services at the Young Men's Christian Union, at which Rev. Minot G. Savage, ex-Governor John Q. A. Brackett and Chaplain Horton made regular addresses.

General Miles

The ceremonies of Memorial Day, May 30, will long be remembered as among the most brilliant in point of public attendance and interest ever held by the Post.

The principal exercises were held in the Boston Theatre, with Major-General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. Army, as Orator. The vast auditorium was packed from pit to dome, with a most

appreciative audience, which included over three hundred of the teachers and pupils of the graduating classes of the Normal, High and Latin schools. Rarely, indeed, were the object lessons woven from the memories of the War so vividly and eloquently depicted as there presented.

Boston being the place from which General Miles started for the War, there was a lively feeling that the great honors and fame he had so nobly and bravely won were shared in a measure by his fellow-citizens, and a general desire to accord him a warm and hearty greeting imbued the public mind.

The procession marched to the Washington Street entrance of the theatre, and the escort of troops went directly on the stage, which was handsomely set with a woodland scene. The Post filed into seats in the orchestra to appropriate music.

The theatre throughout was finely decorated. Upon the stage was the famous arm-chair, the property of Past Commander Blackmar, used by General Grant at the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox.

Commander Ireland in opening the exercises delivered a well-prepared address, closing with a beautiful tribute to the Northern women during the War and quoting the lines of our war poet, Thomas Buchanan Read: —

"The maid who binds her warrior's sash, with smile that well her pain dissembles,
The while, beneath her drooping lash, one starry tear-drop hangs and trembles,
Though Heaven alone records the tear, and Fame shall never know her story,
Her heart has shed a drop as dear as e'er bedewed the field of glory.

"The wife who girds her husband's sword, 'mid little ones who weep or wonder,
And bravely speaks the cheering word, what though her heart be rent asunder,
Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear the bolts of death around him rattle,
Has shed as sacred blood as e'er was poured upon the field of battle.

"The mother who conceals her grief, while to her heart her son she presses,
Then breathes a few brave words and brief, kissing the patriot brow she blesses,
With no one but her secret God to know the pain that weighs upon her,
Sheds holy blood as e'er the sod received on Freedom's field of honor."

Then Comrade "Joe" White came forward with the old Camp Fire song, "We are the Boys, the Gay Old Boys, who fought in '61," written by Lieutenant John L. Parker of Post No. 5, Lynn, and a former member of the 22d Massachusetts Volunteers, in which regiment General Miles made his start as an humble lieutenant. The chorus was sung by the Comrades of Post No. 113, standing.

General Miles was introduced by his near friend, Comrade Albert A. Pope, in a flattering and appreciative manner, and was received with a heartiness and cordiality unmistakable. General Miles' address was published by the leading daily newspapers, with full reports of the occasion.

Perhaps no better idea of the event can be given than by quoting two extracts.

FROM THE BOSTON "GLOBE"

"Following out the time-honored custom, Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113 appropriately commemorated Memorial Day in Boston.

"This duty for many years has been left for this Post to perform. The services at the Common, and especially at Boston Theatre, were very elaborate.

"General Nelson A. Miles, in his address at the theatre, said the living monument to the heroes of the War is free Republican government. He reviewed the causes of the great conflict, spoke of Lincoln, one of the few preëminent men that have ever walked the earth; the great debt of the nation to the patriotism and ability of Lieutenant-General Winfield Scott, as well as to General Thomas, Farragut and other Southern-born men. He said the armies that volunteered in 1861 were the flower of the country. He pictured how near the nation came in various crises of the War to dissolution and ruin.

"The audience was most enthusiastic and patriotic and cheered to the echo the forcible remarks of the orator, and even the prayer offered by Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton.

"The exercises were beautiful and elaborate, especially the musical portions which had been arranged under the direction of Comrade Joseph L. White. After a march by the band, the anthem 'Sing Alleluia Forth' was rendered by a mixed double quartette. Rev. Edward A. Horton made a very impressive prayer. This was followed by a selection by the Mendelssohn Quartette, and Commander William Carleton Ireland arose and made the opening address, which was heartily received.

"Following came the decoration of the floral cenotaph, according to the G. A. R. ritual. 'Fraternity' was presented by Comrade Bowdoin S. Parker; soprano solo, 'I know that my Redeemer,' by Miss Caroline G. Clark; 'Charity,' by Comrade Ira B. Goodrich; patriotic selection,

'The Deathless Army,' by the double quartette; 'Loyalty,' by Comrade Augustus N. Sampson. This part of the exercises was very interesting and beautifully performed.

"After 'The Old Bugle' had been sung by Dr. George R. Clarke, Colonel Albert A. Pope introduced the orator of the day, paying a glowing tribute to Major-General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. Army."

FROM THE "BOSTON JOURNAL"

"That beautiful and impressive picture of yesterday in the great auditorium of the Boston Theatre was one to indelibly fix itself upon the memory of every person privileged to be present. Truly did the Governor characterize it as no ordinary gathering; a most memorable meeting.

"No citizen that came away from that ceremony of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113 of the Grand Army of the Republic but felt the better for having witnessed it, and the more secure in the preservation of his liberties, in the strong underlying sentiment of love of country before everything that furnished the keynote of inspiration for the occasion. It was an event in the history of Boston to rouse the highest ideals in the minds of her children who waved their tiny flags from every balcony, from pit well-nigh to dome. The Comrades were especially favored in their orator, himself the finest type of the citizen Volunteer Soldier still in the service to-day — Major-General Nelson A. Miles, Senior Major-General of the Army, who by virtue of his rank will succeed Lieutenant-General Schofield next September.

"General Miles' address, which was characterized by simplicity of rhetoric and directness of appeal, charmed his hearers by the graceful beauty of its diction.

"The Comrades of Kinsley Post are distinguished for their powers of oratory, and Commander Ireland and Comrades Parker, Goodrich, Sampson, Pope and Horton, chosen to participate in the exercises, fully sustained the prestige of the Post.

"The programme was admirably arranged and was carried through with great smoothness from beginning to end."

If this was the impression given to citizens, how strongly must it have been felt by the Veterans who took part with General Miles in the War itself, touching the heart with tenderest pathos, thrilling the pulse with the grandeur and nobility of its patriotism!

Governor Greenhalge, Chief Justice Walbridge, A. Field and other prominent gentlemen were present.

THE DINNER

In the afternoon the reception and dinner at Young's Hotel was characterized by a lofty tone and inspiring speeches.

Commander Ireland presided, and Past Commander Blackmar was Toast-master. The speeches of General Miles, Governor Greenhalge, Chief Justice Field, Alderman Alpheus Sanford, Mayor Bancroft of Cambridge, Rev. A. A. Berle, Comrade Edward P. White of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York, and Major Woolmer Williams of the Honourable Artillery Company of England were all of unusual excellence.

THE THIRD COMMANDER DIES IN OFFICE

For the third time the office of Commander was vacated by death. William Carleton Ireland, who had presided so creditably at the Memorial exercises, passed to the other shore, June 26.

The suddenness and circumstances of his departure produced a great shock to the Post, and sincere regret was expressed on every hand.

October 5, the Post was called to part with Past Commander Harrington, who had so lately retired from office apparently rugged and in the prime of life.

The annual Fall Field Day was enjoyed October 15 at Walnut Hill and the evening at No. 43 India Street, where Comrade Dolliver provided a collation.

The 16th of the same month, the Post was inspected by Comrade William Badger of Post No. 26, Assistant Inspector, and the 24th a reception was given Mrs. Lizabeth A. Turner, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, at Faneuil Hall, Comrade "Jack" Adams being in general charge of the arrangements.

CONFEDERATE GENERAL GORDON

An occurrence of more than passing note was the attendance of the Post as a body, upon invitation of Comrade Foxcroft, at a lecture delivered in Music Hall, November 4, by Major-General John B. Gordon, one of the leading officers of the Confederate Army. His subject was "The Last Days of the Confederacy." The Post members were all seated on the platform. Past Commander Blackmar presided and introduced the lecturer in a pleasant manner. The lecture itself was of great interest and was delivered with grace and ease only possible to a cultured orator. At its conclusion all were personally in-

troduced to General Gordon, whose genial, hearty, unaffected and soldier-like manner attracted all, and at once opened every heart. It was an event long to be remembered.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The twenty-sixth Anniversary, November 22, at Young's was a jolly, gala night. It was noted for its short, witty speeches and appropriate music that under "John" Henry's skilful direction always had the happy faculty of "coming in" just the right time.

Senior Vice-Commander Harris presided, and Past Commander Eugene H. Richards was Toast-master. Up-to-date speeches were made by Colonel Henry A. Thomas, representing the Governor; Alderman Charles T. Witt; Colonel Carl A. Woodruff, Commandant at Fort Warren; Commander Henry H. Adams of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York; Colonel Hubert O. Moore; Captain "Jack" Adams, Past Commander-in-Chief G. A. R.; Past Commander Blackmar; and Rev. A. A. Berle, who made the most noted speech of the evening.

The number present was one hundred and sixteen, of which seventy-four were members of the Post.

MINOR EVENTS

Two Camp Fires were lighted to open the season, with music, story and games.

Past Commander Hall was the object of many congratulations, occasioned by the following order: —

"General Orders, No. I. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
BOSTON, January 6, 1897.

"In view of the efficient and valuable service rendered by Col. George F. Hall, as Inspector-General of Rifle Practice, M. V. M., it is ordered that he take rank as Brigadier-General from January 1, 1897. The Adjutant-General will issue to him a commission accordingly.

"ROGER WOLCOTT,
Commander-in-Chief."

In February, Comrade William G. Reed exhibited pictures taken in 1884 of the battle-field of Antietam, Gettysburg and the Shenandoah Valley, and upon the invitation of Comrade George

A. Foxcroft the Post attended a lecture by Rev. Abram J. Palmer, D.D., at the People's Temple, on a lesson in patriotism entitled "Company D, the Die-No-Mores."

March 12, Dr. Charles S. Russell, formerly of the 7th Confederate Cavalry, presented the Post with a gavel made from wood cut on the Antietam battle-field.

At the meeting held the 26th, Comrade Benson related some of his thrilling war experiences. On April 3 a delegation attended the "America" testimonial given to its author, Rev. Samuel F. Smith, D.D., at Music Hall. Governor Greenhalge presided, and many prominent men and women were present. The principal addresses were by ex-Governor Long, Governor Greenhalge, Comrade Albert A. Pope, Department Commander Joseph W. Thayer and Rev. Dr. Alvah T. Hovey.

Two socials were held in April. The first consisted of appropriate services to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, at which Past Commander Nathan Appleton read a paper giving his experiences in connection with Appomattox.

The second was an evening with Professor Keyes in legerdemain, etc.

At the June meeting Past Commanders Sanderson and Sampson and Comrade Parker were appointed a committee to confer with other Boston Posts, relative to the decoration of graves and to arrange for an equitable division of the money donated by the city.

The annual inspection was held November 12 by Comrade William Badger of Post No. 26.

The year's events concluded with a familiar talk by Comrade Benson, November 26, in which he related some of his exceptional war experiences, always interesting and thrilling even to Veterans.

The loss by death, aside from Commander Ireland and Past Commander Harrington, was Comrade Charles R. Todd, who passed away on June 2.

WILLIAM CARLETON IRELAND

Service, Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry.

As may be inferred from the foregoing, Commander Ireland's administration was successful. He acquitted himself always

in a creditable manner. He was a graduate of Tufts College and enlisted while a student in that institution. His name is upon a tablet erected by Tufts in honor of its members who served in the Civil War. The last half of the year under Senior Vice-Commander Harris continued satisfactorily.

The general reputation of the Post was considerably advanced in public estimation.

JAMES G. HARRIS
Post Commander, 1896

CHAPTER XXXI

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-six

The Second Naval Commander. New Post Headquarters. Change in Memorials. Memorial Services. Judge Albion Weingard Tourgee. Field Day. Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander James G. Harris.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHN G. B. ADAMS, OF POST NO. 5, LYNN

Commander	James G. Harris.
Senior Vice-Commander	Charles C. Adams.
Junior Vice-Commander	James N. North.
Adjutant	William H. Alline.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Charles B. Tower.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Ira B. Goodrich.
Officer of the Guard	Arthur Hooper.
Sergeant Major	James S. Barrows.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

SECOND NAVAL COMMANDER

NOT since the second term of Commander Hollis in 1876 had one who served in the Navy been chosen to lead the Post until the present year.

NEW POST HEADQUARTERS

The year opened auspiciously, with the removal of the Post headquarters from No. 694 Washington Street to the Odd Fellows Building on Tremont Street, which continued to be its abiding-place — not quite its home — for the succeeding ten years.

At the January meeting Chaplain Horton was informed that the ecclesiastical department of the Post was getting left by the procession and, in order to enable him to keep up, was pre-

sented with a fine bicycle, and, that he might be encouraged to use it, another was procured for the use of Miss Horton, his only daughter.

CHANGE IN MEMORIALS

As a substitute for the floral decorations heretofore used for funeral services of Comrades, the Post adopted a silk United States Flag, having the name and number of the Post in gilt letters thereon, and a bronze "Marker" bearing a representation of the G. A. R. badge, with the Post name and number, for each grave; a United States Flag to be inserted in the "Marker" each Memorial Day.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Sunday service was attended at Brighton Congregational Church with a full attendance of the Post. Rev. A. A. Berle delivered a thoughtful address on the subject "War and Peace." His views on the danger of the Soldier Pension System were not shared by most of the Veterans present.

JUDGE ALBION WEINGARD TOURGEE

Among the many bright memories of Memorial Days, none shine brighter in the hearts of the Comrades of Post No. 113 than the remembrance of the magnificent and scholarly address delivered by Judge Tourgee, of New York, author of "The Fool's Errand," in defence of the Veterans of the Civil War, at the Memorial exercises in Boston Theatre, May 30.

The theatre was handsomely decorated and the general arrangements similar to those of the two years previous. There was a large audience, which included four hundred students and pupils of the Normal and High schools. The music was rendered by a full chorus choir, led by Mrs. Jennie Patrick Walker, with Mr. Clarence E. Hay, director, and Mr. Almon Fairbanks, organist. The orator of the day was introduced by Past Commander Blackmar.

Judge Tourgee's subject was "Yesterday's Duty and How it was Done." He spoke in part as follows: —

"Every age is the servant of its past and the trustee of its future. Every generation is charged with duties and responsibilities arising out of past conditions, and inseparably connected with the character and environment of succeeding ones.

"Generations may pass with little change in human relations or conditions. Then there comes an eruption, and when the smoke of conflict clears away we see that the pent-up forces of ages have burst their bounds and in an hour have wrought the work of centuries.

"Such an epoch was our *To-day*. Peaceful in its dawn ; tumultuous in its noontide; glorious in its decline. What is its message to that To-day which is our To-morrow?

"It is one of the strangest things in history that the North should have refused to accede to the demand of slavery. So far as the personal rights or interests of the people of the North were concerned, they were not in the least degree affected by the continuance of slavery, except by the fact that slavery added somewhat to the power of the Southern man as a voter in any national election.

"There is no way to explain it except to say that God, acting through our past, had prepared us to do the work our fathers had left undone. So we offered our lives — shed our blood — suffered all hardships — that a despised and alien race might not be forever held in bondage.

"No man has any right to taunt or depreciate him who cannot show a like self-sacrifice for the good of others, even though he be the president of Harvard University.

"Self-sacrifice for the good of others is the highest test of manhood.

"We did our duty simply and truly. That duty was twofold: the liberation of the slave and the preservation of the Union. To-day is what it is because our yesterday was what it was.

"There is a curious inclination on the part of the rising generation to deprecate the 'Old Soldier.' It is not strange. Belisarius is a universal type. Nations, like men, grow restive of obligation."

Comrade Tourgee reviewed the achievements of the Army of the Republic that saved not only the Union, but gave the United States a foremost place among the nations of the world.

In conclusion he said: —

"So through the length and breadth of the land on this glorious Anniversary, a glad To-day shall long commensurate a faithful Yesterday.

> "'Bring flowers, spring flowers, all fragrant to wave
> O'er the dew-spangled couch of the undying brave.
> Unloose the shoe-latchet — the blood-sprinkled sod
> Is holy as that by Holiest trod.'"

Judge Tourgee was listened to with closest attention and frequently applauded. It is a rare occurrence that any audience has the privilege of hearing so finished, thoughtful and instructive an oration.

DINNER

The afternoon was pleasantly spent at Young's. Commander Harris presided, and Comrade Adams was Toast-

master. Tom Henry's cornet and other musical attractions were on hand.

Judge Tourgee was as entertaining in his humorously related experiences in the War and prison life, as he had been captivating in his admirable Oration in the morning. Mayor Quincy followed with a good speech. Then Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton introduced some of his witty sayings, and Rev. A. A. Berle presented solid food. General A. P. Martin and Adjutant James A. Frye were the concluding speakers. From a Veteran's standpoint the day was one of unadulterated satisfaction.

FIELD DAY

The Fall Field Day and target shoot came off at Walnut Hill in October and was fully attended. In the evening all assembled at the American House, where dinner was served; then followed the distribution of prizes, each being remembered, whatever his score.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Saturday evening, November 22, brought the twenty-seventh Anniversary, with over two hundred Comrades and guests at Young's Hotel. There was a general uncorking of patriotism of the vintage of '61, and the rafters shook with cheers caused by the eloquent periods of the speakers.

Like most of its predecessors, this Anniversary was a jubilee, love feast and camp fire rolled into one.

Even before the menu had been half gone through, the enthusiasm of the Comrades broke all bounds. The entrees were served to the music of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," in which all joined, and game was dished out to the chorus of "The Old Oaken Bucket." Ice cream came at the words of "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party," and they "Climbed up the Golden Stairs" to reach dessert. It was discovered that "There is a Tavern in our Town" just as order was rapped for the closing by uniting in "Auld Lang Syne."

Commander Harris presided, Past Commander Blackmar was Toast-master, and his introductions of the various speakers were among the enjoyable features of the evening. The speeches were all brief and good. Hon. Winslow Warren;

Mayor Quincy; C. P. Clark, Commander of the Loyal Legion; Department Junior Vice-Commander John E. Gilman; Colonel William A. Bancroft and Colonel Carl A. Woodruff, Commander at Fort Warren; Professor Wright of Oberlin College; Rev. A. A. Berle; and others spoke.

MINOR EVENTS

The Post petitioned the legislature for the erection of a statue to Major-General Hooker, also the Congress of the United States, favoring the conferring of the rank of Lieutenant-General upon Major-General Miles. Both of these objects were subsequently obtained. A few socials and musicales were held during the year.

Another donation of five hundred dollars was received from Comrade Otis E. Weld. A gavel, the head made from an oak tree on "Little Round Top" with a bullet embedded in it, and the handle made from a tree in the "Peach Orchard" at Gettysburg, was presented the Post by Mr. William H. Sayward.

The losses by death were as follows: Comrades Charles C. Howland, February 24; Albert C. Pond, March 29; William S. Lovejoy, August 13, a member of the Hayes regiment, of which President McKinley was a member; William H. Fessenden, August 18, the sweet singer, the tenor in the famous Temple Quartette and one of the original members. His funeral was attended at Tremont Temple, Rev. Dr. Lorimer officiating, who said in part: —

"I have always cherished an admiration for the deceased, and I know you will not blame me for it. I have heard my friend sing in later years when there was a hush over three thousand souls. He poured out his soul in music. Music speaks to all, and we are brought to believe that we shall understand each other in heaven because on the threshold we shall drink in seraphic sounds. I have only to bear testimony as I stand here for all I thought was chivalrous, devoted and kindly in this man. His life was above reproach."

JAMES G. HARRIS

Service, Civil War. U. S. Navy. Yeoman; Captain's Clerk.

Commander James G. Harris' personality pervaded all he did. Nothing committed to his hand ever dragged or went by default. He was all energy and go. With a sunny, genial

disposition, he had many friends and was deservedly popular. It was a cheerful and delightful year. He always retained his interest in the Post, but for the last two years of his life was unable to take any active part. He suffered long, yet his courage and fortitude never left him. His death occurred May 20, 1899. A large number of the Post attended his funeral.

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a Man.'"

CHARLES CLARK ADAMS
Post Commander, 1897

CHAPTER XXXII

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-seven

Memorial Day. General Wager Swayne, Orator. Comrades Honored. Field Day. Anniversary at Young's. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Charles Clark Adams.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY COMRADE WILLIAM M. OLIN OF POST NO. 26, ROXBURY

Commander	Charles Clark Adams.
Senior Vice-Commander	James N. North.
Junior Vice-Commander	Ira B. Goodrich.
Adjutant	James S. Barrows.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Charles B. Tower.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Arthur Hooper.
Officer of the Guard	John W. Small.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SUNDAY, May 30, the Post by invitation attended the Morning Services at Tremont Temple. The Rev. Dr. Lorimer delivered a patriotic address on the subject, "Religion and War."

GENERAL WAGER SWAYNE

May 31, the hallowed duties of Memorial Day were discharged with fidelity. The morning opened cloudy and threatening, with rain in the afternoon. The dedication of the Shaw Monument on the Common took away many who would otherwise have witnessed the ceremonies at the Soldiers' Monument and attended at Tremont Temple.

At the opening exercises at the Temple the house was not filled, but later on the seats were mostly taken. The musical programme was exceptionally pleasing. Major-General Wager

Swayne was the Orator of the day and spoke at length on "The Lessons of the War."

THE DINNER

In the afternoon the usual reception and dinner at Young's were held. Commander Adams presided, and Past Commander J. Edward Hollis performed the duties of Toast-master.

The following were the speakers: General Swayne, Mayor Quincy, Colonel J. Payson Bradley, Comrade Peter D. Smith, Rev. A. A. Berle and Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton. All the speeches were of the quiet, solid kind, but well enjoyed and liberally applauded.

COMRADES HONORED

The first meeting after the summer vacation was given up to a reception and dinner in honor of Past Commander Thomas R. Mathews and Comrade James L. Carter, who had each been promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General in the State Volunteer Militia service.

Congratulatory speeches and general expressions of regard were freely given by the Comrades.

FALL FIELD DAY

The annual field sports were held at Walnut Hill, September 29, with the social dinner, good time and distribution of prizes at the American House. It terminated with the presentation to Commander Adams of a fine crayon picture of himself from the pencil of Comrade Charles W. Reed, which fittingly rounded out one of the most enjoyable fall outings held by the Post.

November the 17th, the annual inspection was made by Comrade Charles A. Patch of Post No. 4, Assistant Inspector.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

The annual Anniversary banquet was held at Young's, with a good attendance of the Comrades and a large number of guests. Commander Adams called to order and read letters from ex-Governor Long, Secretary of the Navy; General Alger, Secretary of War; and Commander-in-Chief Gobin of the G. A. R. He then presented Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton as Toast-master. Excellent speeches were made, and

the music came in exactly as it should. Brigadier-General Curtis Guild, Jr., and Judge Henry W. Sheldon were notably fine. The other speakers were Colonel William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth; Colonel Henry A. Thomas, Postmaster; Rev. A. A. Berle; Department Commander Dean; Past Commander Blackmar; and Joseph Blaselock, Sergeant Major of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York.

Aside from the guests named above were Hon. John L. Bates, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Colonel Charles Pfaff; Mr. F. E. Whiting; Major Sortwell of Cambridge; Mr. B. F. Keith; Mr. E. G. Allen; Captain Joseph R. Kendall; Colonel James A. Frye; Mr. Charles F. Choate, Jr.; Colonel Shepard of Lafayette Post, New York; Department Junior Vice-Commander John E. Gilman; Hubert O. Moore, Assistant Adjutant-General G. A. R., and many others.

It was an occasion that makes life seem worth living.

MINOR EVENTS

The special donations for the year were a valuable picture of General Grant and Staff by Colonel Amos Webster of Washington, D.C., and a neat case for the Adjutant's department by Comrade Brooks. A very pleasing concert was given in Berkeley Hall by the City Band.

Department Commander William P. Derby honored the Post by a visit early in the year, and Past Commander Blackmar was congratulated upon his receiving a Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action at the battle of Five Forks. The Post lost a generous friend and Comrade in Otis E. Weld, who was called home March 17.

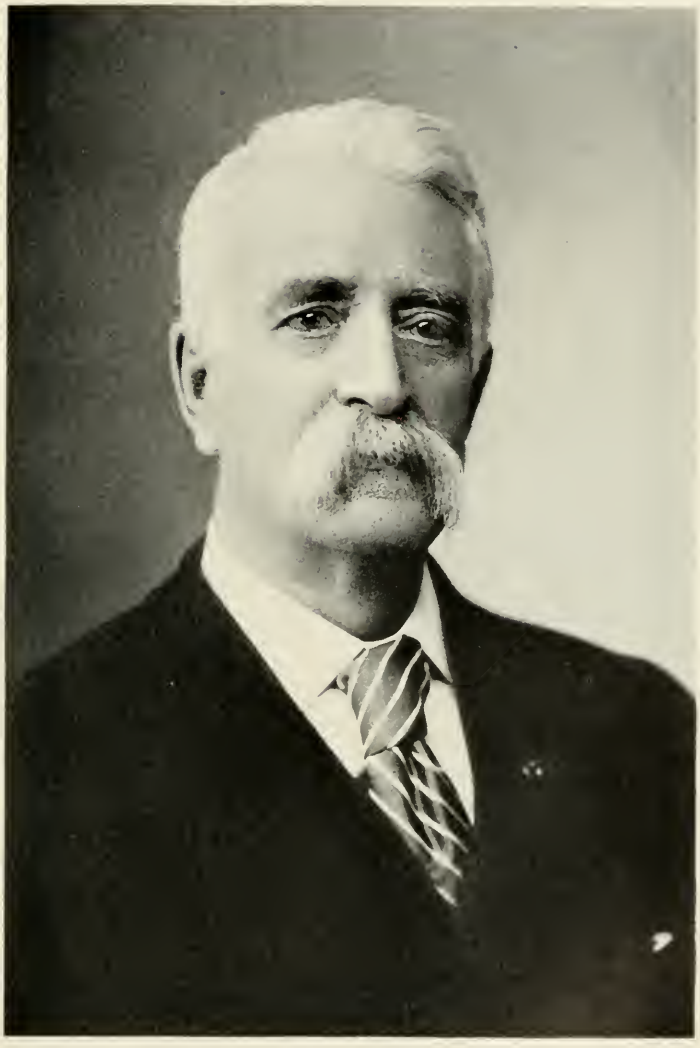
CHARLES CLARK ADAMS

Service, Civil War. 11th U. S. Infantry.
1st Battalion. Bugler.

Commander Adams became a member of Post No. 113, November 9, 1887, and after several years' service in minor positions was chosen, in 1894, Officer of the Day; then followed, in successive years, his election as Junior Vice, Senior Vice and Commander; he was appointed Chairman of the Memorial Day Finance Committee in 1898 and chosen Chairman of the

Board of Trustees of the Post in 1899. In all of these positions he did faithful work, which was continued to the close of his life. He represented the Post as delegate to the Department Convention many times and held several positions connected both with the National and Department organizations, and was able to accomplish much effective labor for the Grand Army.

His administration as Commander was efficient, and all its affairs were well handled. No event of importance took place during his term; it was a quiet year. Comrade Adams possessed a strong personality with a genial, large-hearted, generous nature. He easily won and retained the friendship of both old and young alike, and enjoyed the full confidence of all his Comrades and business associates. He passed away October 20, 1905. His funeral was largely attended by members of the Post and other organizations with which he was connected.



IRA B. GOODRICH
Post Commander, 1898 and 1899

CHAPTER XXXIII

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-eight

A Quiet Year. May 30. Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar, Orator. Fall Field Day. Twenty-ninth Anniversary. Inspection. Badge Presentation.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOHN W. KIMBALL OF EDWIN V. SUMNER POST NO. 19, FITCHBURG

Commander	Ira B. Goodrich.
Senior Vice-Commander	James N. North.
Junior Vice-Commander	Arthur Hooper.
Adjutant	James S. Barrows.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Charles B. Tower.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	John W. Small.
Officer of the Guard	Frank P. Moss.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.

A QUIET YEAR

THIS was a quiet and uneventful year. The meetings were generally small, and even the Spanish War flurry did not produce any special interest; though the subject of raising a company for what was to be known as the "Hooker Brigade" was considered. Nothing was done, however, as the regular Militia Volunteers filled the number of the State's quota, and there was no prospect of additional troops being subsequently accepted.

MEMORIAL DAY

The usual custom of previous years was closely followed. The Memorial address was delivered in Tremont Temple by Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar, and consisted of a recital of his personal reminiscences, especially in connection with the final surrender of Lee at Appomattox. His experiences

were simply told, in a modest and pleasing manner, and to the entire acceptance of all.

Chaplain Horton, on duty as chaplain of the 1st Regiment, stationed at Fort Warren, came up and took his part in the Temple exercises. The general war feeling somewhat heightened the public interest in all Memorial Day services.

DINNER

At the afternoon dinner at Young's, Commander Goodrich, presiding, opened the postprandial exercises with well-chosen remarks and introduced Comrade Josiah H. Benton, Jr., as Toast-master.

The speeches of the day all had a Spanish war fringe. Rear Admiral Belknap, U. S. Navy (retired); Brigadier-General Dudley, U. S. Army (retired); Mayor Quincy; General A. P. Martin; President George E. Smith of the State Senate; Comrade White of Lafayette Post No. 140; and other guests were present.

FIELD DAY

The Fall Field Day at Walnut Hill was not as fully attended as in previous years, but a pleasant time was enjoyed by the boys and several good scores rolled up. The refreshments and delivery of prizes occupied the evening, and all went home feeling well repaid for the time spent.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY

The annual Anniversary banquet at Young's was held on November 22, with the usual good time and hearty fellowship, though the number of Comrades that sat down was not as large as in some years. It passed off very pleasantly.

Comrade Goodrich presided, and Professor Alonzo Williams of Brown University delivered the principal speech of the evening. It was an eloquent and ornate effort, one of the very best ever delivered at a Post Anniversary. The other speakers were General John W. Kimball, State Auditor; Department Commander Bartlett; Colonel Pfaff of the "First Heavies"; Captain "Jack" Adams; and J. Payson Bradley.

The annual official Post inspection was made by Comrade W. H. Bartlett of Ward Post No. 10, Worcester.

A pleasant incident was the presentation by the Post of a gold Post Commander's badge to Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar, in recognition of his services as Memorial Day Orator.

Comrade Otis S. Neale was called home December 13. A delegation attended his funeral.

CHAPTER XXXIV

Eighteen Hundred Ninety-nine

Burial of ex-Confederate John Buck. New Post Uniform. General Joseph Wheeler, Memorial Day Orator. Reception at the Algonquin. Presentation from the Blue to the Gray. A New Era for Post No. 113.

Kinsley Associates. National Encampment at Philadelphia. Kinsley, Lafayette and Meade hold a Joint Banquet. President McKinley and Men of National Fame Present. Thirty-five Thousand on Grand Parade.

Kinsley presents Loving Cup to Lafayette. Welcome to Admiral Dewey in Boston. The Thirtieth Anniversary Banquet. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Ira B. Goodrich.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER JOHN E. GILMAN

Commander	Ira B. Goodrich.
Senior Vice-Commander	Arthur Hooper.
Junior Vice-Commander	John W. Small.
Adjutant	James Bruerton.
Quartermaster	Elmar A. Messinger.
Surgeon	Dr. Frank W. Graves.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	John C. Cook.
Officer of the Guard	Frank P. Moss.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Comrades Blackmar, Chairman, Hersey and Goodrich.

EX-CONFEDERATE JOHN BUCK

THE year opened with a tribute of soldierly regard for the memory of a former foeman, ex-Confederate John Buck, a member of General Robert E. Lee's body-guard, who died in Boston, having no relatives here able to provide for his burial. Post No. 113 was in charge of the funeral, which was held in Bulfinch Place Chapel, January 29.

The Governor was represented by a member of his staff, the Grand Army of the Republic by Department Commander Bartlett, Junior Vice-Department Commander Fiske and several of the Staff, together with representatives of twenty-three Posts. The Loyal Legion was represented by ten of its members. The "Red, White and Blue" Club and other patriotic societies, with many Sunday school children, and two ex-Confederates, John D. Huhn, Adjutant of the 7th Tennessee Cavalry, and Carl G. Monroe of the 1st Virginia (Black Horse) Cavalry, were also present.

It was so remarkable an occasion that the press gave extended reports of the occurrence, including the addresses in full with attendant circumstances. Department Commander Bartlett, Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton and Colonel J. Payson Bradley, each made appropriate and feeling addresses. Comrade White of Post No. 113 sang Gowdy's "Faithful Friends," and taps were sounded by the bugler. It was a unique and impressive service.

The burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery, where Chaplain Horton held a short religious exercise. The pall-bearers were all members of Post No. 113. Dr. Dixwell, Mr. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and Comrade Bryan R. Houghton were untiring in rendering assistance. The United States Flag was provided by a business firm, and flowers were the gift of a well-known florist of the city.

Subsequently, the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York sent appropriate resolutions to Governor Wolcott for the "Consideration, respect and honor shown a brave soldier," and specially thanking Post No. 113, Chaplain Horton and others who had taken a prominent part in this tribute to American valor, to manhood and brotherhood.

NEW POST UNIFORM

The question of Post uniform had troubled some of the members ever since Colonel Farrel built a sort of semi-band and civic suit in 1890 and, in truth, the nondescript apparel was never particularly imposing or ornamental to certain forms; so, after much and varied consideration, the following bill of dress was adopted with general unanimity: black Prince Albert coat, trousers, shoes and G. A. R. hat, with gold cord, wreath and nu-

merals 113, white standing collar, tie and gloves. This dress has since been worn upon all public or ceremonial occasions and has become distinctive of Post No. 113.

GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER IN BOSTON

Few, if any, events of the Post have been the occasion of such widespread notoriety and interest throughout the country as the reception and entertainment of General Joseph Wheeler and his daughters, culminating with his admirable Oration at Boston Theatre on Memorial Day, May 30, 1899.

Twenty-four years earlier, Post No. 113 had invited and received ex-Confederate Veterans to parade in its ranks upon the observance of "Decoration Day," but neither it nor any other Post, as far as known, had welcomed a prominent ex-Confederate officer to be their speaker in the patriotic ceremonies sacred to the "Soldier's Sabbath." The day that General Horace Binney Sargent had prophesied in his Memorial address in 1869 had indeed come. General Wheeler, once a Confederate Major-General, and one of the most active and dangerous Cavalry leaders of the South, and now a Brigadier-General of the United States Regular Army, of New England stock, born in Georgia, reared a typical Southerner, was selected by the Post as the most representative man of the few remaining prominent Southern leaders in the great War to emphasize the reunited sentiment of the North and South in one Country and one Flag, upon the Memorial Day of the Grand Army of the Republic.

General Wheeler had never visited Boston, and when the invitation was first suggested, felt quite embarrassed in accepting so unusual an engagement, and especially from Boston. He was, however, reassured by the Committee of the Post, as well as by prominent persons in Washington, and finally promised to come. Department Commander Gilman issued a patriotic address of welcome in sympathy with the action of the members of Post No. 113 in initiating this unusual event, in which he said: —

"The observance of the coming Memorial Day by the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Massachusetts takes on added significance by reason of the action of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113 of Boston, in inviting to deliver its Memorial Day oration Major-

General Joseph Wheeler, late of the Southern Confederacy, but now, happily, of the United States Army.

"The significance lies in the fact that the Eulogist and the Eulogized were pitted against each other in deadly conflict during the Civil War, and is, therefore, a long step toward the obliteration of the animosities engendered by that great struggle.

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"Let us make his visit to Boston so pleasant that it will be a blissful memory to him in after life, and excite in the breast of his people in the South the same emotion that prompted the Association of Confederate Veterans, at their late convention in South Carolina, to pass a vote of thanks to the 'chivalric and tender people of the North who had ministered with tender care to the last hours of the daughter of the Confederacy.' Let us have peace."

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

General Wheeler and his daughters, Misses Annie and Carrie, arrived in Boston on the morning of May 29; they were met by a committee of the Post and a staff officer representing Governor Wolcott.

Although flooded with invitations by prominent citizens and officials wishing to extend special courtesies to the noted guests, they preferred to husband their strength, and so after breakfasting at the Thorndike, were taken to the hospitable home of Comrade Ephraim B. Stillings, which continued their home during their stay in Boston.

RECEPTION AT THE ALGONQUIN CLUB

General Wheeler and daughters were received at the Algonquin Club by the Post Reception Committee, Governor Wolcott and Mayor Quincy, at 12.30, and after courtesies had been exchanged partook of a substantial lunch. At 2 o'clock the club tendered a reception to the members of the Post, and all were presented to the guests of the day. The meeting of General Wheeler with the "boys" was unaffectedly simple and cordial; without restraint or the slightest embarrassment on account of previous antagonistic army service. His daughters, one of whom, Miss Annie, had served as an Army nurse, during the recent Spanish War, were welcomed with all the chivalric enthusiasm of a soldier's heart. Later in the afternoon, upon

invitation of the Mayor, they all enjoyed a drive through Boston's magnificent Park System. The many courtesies extended for the evening were declined.

MEMORIAL DAY

General Wheeler in Boston Theatre

"The epoch in my life is this visit to this Grand Army Post in Boston." — GENERAL WHEELER.

Few who witnessed the magnificent audience gathered in Boston Theatre in 1895 and felt the thrilling scenes of that day, when our General Miles was the star of the occasion, ever expected to witness a repetition of that grand pageant; it was reserved for this occasion to again bring out the same splendid audience in the same amphitheatre by the magical charm of General Joseph Wheeler's presence, enacting the culminating event of his romantic and remarkable career.

The customary ceremonies at the Monument Memorial morning were witnessed by the Misses Wheeler, after which they repaired to the theatre and were seated in the Mayor's box with Mrs. Julia Ward Howe. General Wheeler entered the theatre, escorted by the Reception Committee, in advance of the Post, and was seated on the stage, amid great enthusiasm by the assembled thousands who rose to their feet and cheered. As seen, the General was short and slight, with a straggling full beard, well streaked with gray; he wore an army blouse with the straps of a Brigadier-General, and a black army slouch hat. The hearty reception given him evidently was unexpected, doubtless the reputed moderate warmth of expression in Boston audiences generally, and the very unexampled circumstances attending his presence, were more than enough to lead him to imagine most any sort of a reception, other than the generous one accorded. However, his surprise soon vanished in a smile of pleasure and, after modestly bowing several times, took his seat.

The auditorium was handsomely decorated, and the view from the stage of the vast space with its tier upon tier of galleries alive with eager faces, was of itself most imposing and inspiring.

Aside from the band, there were present the Apollo and Ruggles Street quartettes; a male chorus from Harvard; Mrs. Jennie Patrick Walker, soprano; Herbert Johnson, tenor;

Comrade Joseph L. White, baritone; and Comrade Myron W. Whitney, basso, as the quartette choir, — Howard M. Dow, accompanist.

It is needless to say that all the details for a ceremonial fitting the time and circumstances had been provided.

The exercises were opened by an invocation by Rev. Dr. Withrow of Park Street Church, followed by the ritualistic service of the Grand Army, interspersed with music, all rendered in the impressive manner peculiar to Post No. 113. Comrade Joseph L. White's rendering of "The Knot of Blue and Gray" was cheered to the echo; while the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung by Comrade Myron W. Whitney, and the presentation of the author of the words, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, to the audience, invoked an intense enthusiasm never to be forgotten by any one present. As Commander Goodrich introduced General Wheeler, the band struck up "Dixie," and instantly a great volume of applause filled the house and the ovation was so long continued that it was some minutes before he could speak.

In opening, he said: —

"Words cannot express my gratitude for this kindly reception and greeting, and I would be overwhelmed with embarrassment did I not know that you appreciate that I realize that this comes from your desire to show your kindly feeling for the section from which I come. In their name I thank you. The people of that section know the State of Massachusetts."

He recounted his connection with the 2d and 9th Massachusetts Volunteers of 1898 in Cuba and gave a graceful tribute to the Commonwealth, saying, "Whenever there has been a call to your sons, Massachusetts has been foremost to obey that call." He next spoke of the inception of Memorial Day and its broad meaning as applied to the world's history. He said the only security for peace was to be always prepared to engage in war, and then illustrated the effect of successful wars in enhancing the glory and prestige of nations. In referring to the benefits of expansion, he said: —

"It seems to me that instead of brooding over the possibilities of the evil which may arise from the extension of American influence and power it would be well to consider the possible benefits which may come to us.

"My country, may she ever be right, but right or wrong, My Country."

His Oration was listened to with the closest attention, and the applause was spontaneous and frequent. At no time was there the slightest discordant note; he easily carried his hearers with him, and the closing words of his address brought his audience up to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. The Oration was reported in full by the press, and expressions of admiration for the whole service were unstinted.

The *Herald* said: —

"Those who remembered what a formidable opponent General Wheeler had once been on the battle-field were the most fervent of all to welcome him in his later relation. He spoke nobly and fittingly and thoroughly patriotic words in his address to the Veterans who had invited him to come to Boston, and left the best possible impression as the effect of his appearance here."

The *Journal* in a review of the day and address said: —

"A New England sun has never shone upon a fairer Memorial Day. Never before were so many flags flying, never so many signs of earnest and solemn observance. . . . Here in Boston it was marked by an event most unique and significant. A Major-General, once of the Confederate Army, now of the United States Army, was the chief Memorial Day orator.

"A once 'rebel' General stood on the platform of the Boston Theatre proclaiming a great and broad and fervent patriotism to an audience which thundered applause both to the orator himself and to his sentiments. . . .

"General Wheeler spoke as a Southern man of Southern birth, training and lifelong residence. . . .

"His eloquent appeals to the emotion of patriotism were such as the best of Massachusetts orators might have spoken if they had stood in his place — and not one of these could have aroused a response more immediate or heartfelt or enthusiastic. . . . The real sentiment of Massachusetts spoke in the emphatic approval with which these words were received by a great audience, representative of the soundest and strongest elements in our citizenship.

"It was a genuine inspiration on the part of Kinsley Post No. 113 to invite General Wheeler to this city and to make him its Memorial Day orator. The result has been a quickening and broadening of our own patriotism and a closer drawing of the fraternal ties which bind North and South as members of a great Nation, now and forever indivisible."

The *Globe*, in its breezy way, said: —

"The wildly enthusiastic greeting which a magnificent and representative audience extended to the gallant hero of our country reunited once for all, General Joseph Wheeler, will never be forgotten, it is perfectly safe to say, by any one fortunate enough to have been privileged to participate in the great and memorable reception. Boston owes a debt of lasting gratitude to the Comrades of Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., for making possible and practicable such a unique Memorial Day observance."

Then followed an editorial résumé of the points of the oration, which it most emphatically indorsed.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET

The inspiration and the thrill of the remarkable scene in the Boston Theatre followed the later festivities at Young's Hotel in the afternoon. The reception was held in the President's room on the second floor. General Wheeler and his daughters, who were present at the reception, taking their station between Commander Goodrich and Past Commander Blackmar, were introduced to the Comrades of "113" and their guests.

At 2 P.M. the company marched into the large dining room on the first floor, which had been more elaborately decorated than usual, and the dinner in full accord with the best traditions of Young's was served.

At its conclusion Commander Goodrich called to "attention," and a silent toast to the memory of the Comrades mustered out was drank standing and in silence.

In felicitous words all were welcomed to the board and congratulated upon the successful outcome of the day's exercises. He spoke in a merry way of the hunt for General Wheeler, and gave due meed of praise to Comrade Adams, who first suggested inviting him, and went with Comrade Stillings to Washington to accomplish the object.

Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar was introduced as Toast-master, and in turn introduced the several speakers in a witty and pleasant manner.

All of the addresses were full to the brim of the good fellowship of the day, and were far above the average upon similar occasions. Of course, the words of General Wheeler were listened to with the closest attention. It seemed as if he had thrown off the

feeling of restraint of the morning hour and was among the class of men of all others who understood him and had that sympathy, respect and admiration for each other, characteristic of brave men of great deeds and warm hearts. He closed with the words: —

"I want to say to you that at no period of my life have I received such a welcome in its cordiality and hospitality as this, and I shall remember it as long as I live upon earth. I thank you."

Prolonged applause and three cheers for Major-General "Joe" Wheeler was the response. The speeches that followed indicated the high pitch of feeling which imbued every one present. It was a time of rejoicing and praise. The other speakers were President Smith of the State Senate, Mayor Quincy, Rear Admiral Belknap, Department Commander Gilman, Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, Chaplain Hoes, U. S. Navy, Rev. Thomas Van Ness and Rev. Dr. John Lindsey Withrow.

Among other guests present at the reception and dinner, aside from the speakers, were Colonel James A. Frye, Department Senior Vice-Commander Peter D. Smith, Department Junior Vice-Commander Silas A. Barton, Assistant Quartermaster General John Anderson, Samuel J. Elder, Esq., Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Hamilton and Mr. C. P. Clark.

Comrade White had charge of the music and never acquitted himself to better advantage. His rendering of a parody on "Oh, Susannah," using the names of Shafter and Wheeler in a merry contrast that brought down the house. His "We'll sit on Aguinaldo" was also heartily enjoyed. The orchestra were always ready to intersperse taking and timely snatches, and the voices of the boys in the old songs will never be forgotten. The afternoon was ended with "Auld Lang Syne" and "One Wide River" sung and timed in the good old way of Post No. 113, General Wheeler joining.

Later in the day, Past Commander Blackmar took charge of General Wheeler and daughters and escorted them to his summer home, "World's End Farm," Hingham, where they spent the night. The next and last day of the General's visit in Massachusetts was filled with numerous courtesies, which he enjoyed exceedingly up to the hour of departure. Among the day's events were a tally-ho ride over Jerusalem Road and vicinity;

a call on ex-Governor Long, Secretary of the Navy, at his home "in Hingham down the bay"; a steamboat ride up the harbor; an informal reception and luncheon at the Union Club given by Governor Wolcott, at which a select and distinguished company were present; a visit to the Boston Public Library; Harvard College, where he met President Eliot; and, upon returning from Cambridge, a visit to several places of amusement under the direction of Mayor Quincy, at each of which places special recognition was given the distinguished guests. The Misses Wheeler accompanied their father except at the Union Club, during which time they were entertained by Miss E. P. Sohier at the Mayflower Club, where they met many Boston ladies.

As General Wheeler took the night train for New York, his parting words were: —

"It is not possible to express in words the gratitude I feel for the kind reception given me by the people of this great Commonwealth. I shall carry to my Southern home the warmest feeling of love and affection for the generous hospitality extended to my children and myself. May God bless the people of Boston and the State of Massachusetts."

General Wheeler's daughters, who remained throughout the week, were the subjects of many kindly courtesies of various sorts, and expressed much gratitude for all that had been done for their father and themselves upon this notable visit.

FROM THE BLUE TO THE GRAY

The visit of General Wheeler and his daughters to Boston, in connection with Memorial Day, was fittingly concluded by the presentation by the Post to General Wheeler of a beautiful Sword and Belt. The letter tendering the gift and the letter of acceptance were as follows: —

"Boston, June 20, 1899.

"Maj.-Gen. Joseph Wheeler, U. S. A.

"*Dear Sir:*

"The members of E. W. Kinsley Post 113, G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts, send you their affectionate greeting and request you to accept the sword and belt accompanying this letter as a lasting memento of Memorial Day, 1899, on which day you were their honored guest and their orator of the day.

"The vast throng of our citizens who listened to your patriotic address in the Boston Theatre and gave you such a wildly enthusiastic welcome to our State and city, the governor of our State and the mayor

of our city, who met you and welcomed you with many attentions, as well as the members of our Post, who took you and your charming daughters to their homes and showered you with kindly courtesies, all testify to the sincere pleasure and satisfaction it gave all our citizens to welcome to our midst a brave soldier and loyal citizen, who had proved his devotion to our beloved flag upon the battle-fields of Cuba.

"We of Post 113 do not forget that you wore the Gray and we wore the Blue in the great War of the Rebellion, but we also remember that the War is over, its issues are settled and that all Americans must stand shoulder to shoulder under one flag, if we would make our country the greatest nation on the face of the globe.

"We believe that your acceptance of our invitation to deliver our Memorial Day address, your presence among us old soldiers on that occasion and our recognition of your valor and the valor of your companions, our countrymen, in 1861 to 1865, and your valor and the valor of your companions, our countrymen, in 1898, and the universal commendation of all you and we did on this Memorial Day have shown to the world, at home and abroad, that we are a united people, loving peace, but ready and able for war if it cannot be avoided with honor.

"God bless our country, and may we ever be ready to respond in any way to 'One Country and One Flag.'

"All our comrades would sign this letter accompanying this gift to you, but for the delay it would cause, so we enclose a roster of our Post that you may see the names of your hosts and donors.

"Believe us your friends and fellow country-men,

"Post 113, G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts.

"By Wilmon W. Blackmar, Chairman Reception Committee,
Memorial Day, 1899."

GENERAL WHEELER'S REPLY

"House of Representatives,
"Washington, June 30, 1899.

"General W. W. Blackmar and Members of Kinsley Post 113,
Boston, Mass.

"*Dear General, Friends and Fellow-countrymen:*

"Upon my return from the State Encampment of the G. A. R. of Michigan at Petosky, I find your letter with the exquisitely beautiful sword and belt sent me by the Kinsley G. A. R. Post of Boston.

"I cannot express to you in a letter my grateful appreciation of this magnificent present, which is to be a 'lasting memento of Memorial Day, 1899.' No event in my life has clustered about it more pleasant memories and charming associations than my visit to Boston and the Memorial Day of 1899.

"For the bountiful courtesies extended to my daughters and myself on that occasion, I beg you will accept and tender to his excellency the Governor of your Commonwealth and the Mayor of your

city my most profound thanks. That a wearer of the gray should after these long years receive so grand a testimonial from the wearers of the blue proves that the nation is indeed reunited, and it shall be my pride to hold your gift as the token that the union of the States is indeed, in the words of your immortal son, 'One and inseparable now and forever.' With great respect, your friend and fellow-countryman, —

"Joseph Wheeler."

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT TO GENERAL WHEELER

Of this gift it may be said that it was a Major-General's Dress Sword, with a silver scabbard, having solid gold ornaments, and an embroidered silk-lined case of oak. The blade was of the best Damascus steel, etched with gold. The handle was surmounted by an eagle and the oak leaves of the Major-General's rank. On the guard was the figure of a mounted cavalryman, and at the end of the guard was a knight's head. The silver scabbard bears in solid gold the figures of a spread eagle, a knight's helmet and figures of draped flags. On the reverse side of the scabbard was this inscription: —

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER,
U. S. V.,
FROM
Post 113, G. A. R.,
Department of Massachusetts,
Memorial Day, 1899.

Thus ended the record of one of the most notable events in the history of Post No. 113.

A NEW ERA

The ordinary round of visits, camp fires and similar events followed one another rapidly, but the most important internal event for twenty years was the adoption of a new code of Post By-Laws, which was shortly followed by the creation of an auxiliary body called "Kinsley Associates," with rules governing the same. The new by-laws removed much of the irritation which had been smouldering for many years by providing for a partial return to democratic principles in the method of selecting officers and governing the Post. The money on hand was divided into distinct funds to be held by trustees whose obligations were strictly defined. All duties of Committees were

also clearly stated, and the whole interior economy of the Post was systemized and perfected.

This code has since been continued, save by a few minor changes, and without question is the most comprehensive and efficient for a Grand Army Post or similar body in existence.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The "Kinsley Associates" are composed of annual contributors and life members. They consist of patriotic gentlemen, not eligible as regular members, who desire to assist and encourage the noble Grand Army work, and to whom certain privileges and courtesies are accorded by the Post.

This organization has proved of much value both directly and indirectly. For the new code of by-laws and the "Associates" great credit is due Commander Goodrich and Comrade Stillings, without whose enthusiastic efforts it is doubtful if they would have been initiated or adopted.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The success attending the efforts of the spring season early determined the Post to visit Philadelphia and take part in the thirty-third National Encampment of the G. A. R.

Arrangements were made for the trip in connection with Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York and Meade Post No. 1 of Philadelphia. In this connection a unique badge was designed, consisting of a three-leaf clover suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon, the clover part being made from the metal of a gun captured at Fort Fisher by regiments from the three States, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

The names of the three Posts were cast on the three leaves of clover with the word "Philadelphia" underneath. On the reverse side was a statement of how the badge was made. It formed a valuable souvenir for the members of the Post "triplets."

A joint banquet to further cement the friendship of the three Posts was also arranged to be given in the auditorium of the Odd Fellows Building, Philadelphia, on the evening of September 5, the details being placed in the hands of Meade Post.

Sunday morning, September 3, the Post left Boston and ar-

rived in Philadelphia about 11 o'clock P.M., the same day. Good accommodations were had at the Walton House. The city was crowded; the streets alive with life and bright with light and decorations formed a beautiful picture well worth the journey to see.

THE GRAND PARADE

On Tuesday, the 5th, the hosts of Veterans, numbering thirty-five thousand men, were alert and in place for the grand spectacular parade. The day was clear and warm. Post No. 113 took its position in line in the Massachusetts Department and marched over the long route, receiving its share of notice and plaudits bountifully bestowed upon the Bay State Veterans. It was a proud day for Department Commander Gilman.

The column was six hours and ten minutes in passing the reviewing stand. President McKinley, Governor Stone of Pennsylvania, Mayor Ashbridge of Philadelphia, Rear Admirals Sampson and Melville, Captains Chadwick, Taylor, Sigsbee, Jewell, Tain and Hemphill, U. S. Navy, and their respective staffs, were among the men of note who witnessed the pageant. It was one of the largest parades in point of numbers ever held by the Grand Army of the Republic, and acting Commander-in-Chief Johnson had more than reason to be satisfied.

THE JOINT BANQUET

After resting from the long march of the day the "boys" were on hand prepared to do justice to the banquet, which had become heralded as one of the great attractions of the week, and for which tickets were in active demand at twenty-five dollars each.

The crush to enter the auditorium, where the banquet was to be held, was the occasion of much discomfort, but after considerable delay most of the ticket holders succeeded in getting in and securing seats.

The decorations of the banqueting hall and table ornaments were numerous, and the scene during the evening was one of beauty and life. The guests were very numerous, including the President of the United States and his Cabinet, Senators, Governors and Mayors, officers of the Army and Navy, Grand Army officials and distinguished gentlemen from several States.

The caterer provided an abundance of everything, and his art

produced many unique designs, in sweets, pastry and other articles which added to the novelty of the feast. The banquet was much interrupted by the late arrival of one and another important personages, for whom successive cheers were demanded as they came in; another hindrance was the desire of the chief guests to speak their pieces and take an early train for Washington, so that between the incessant calls for cheers and toasts, the speeches and the coming and going, there remained very little time for the rank and file to enjoy the good things set before them.

President McKinley, Secretary Root, President Schuman of Cornell University and numerous others spoke, but Past Commander Blackmar's speech in presenting a Silver Loving Cup to Lafayette Post in behalf of "Kinsley" was one of the oratorical gems of the evening. When he said in his peroration that he wished the President to be the first to put his lips to the cup and drink the health of Kinsley, Meade and Lafayette posts and afterward drink to the health of every G. A. R. Comrade living under the Stars and Stripes, the cheers and enthusiasm became indescribable.

The Washington guests soon after retired, and the banqueters, evidently under the impression that the function was over, rushed from the tables before all the regular courses had been served. The managing officials seem to have lost control, as otherwise the banquet, instead of abruptly terminating in a rush to get away early in the evening, would have continued much longer to the comfort and pleasure of all concerned.

It is doubtful if so many men of national reputation, high government officials, great captains of armies and navies and noted civilians were ever present before at any Grand Army Encampment. Many of these gentlemen stopped at or visited the Walton House, and it was the event of a lifetime to meet and talk with so many really great men, who had taken a conspicuous part in shaping the destinies of the Republic, in war and in peace.

The succeeding days were spent in visiting points and buildings of interest in and near the city, and all returned at the week's end with a feeling of satisfaction at being able to take part in what was really one of the notably great Encampments of the Grand Army.

HAIL TO THE HERO! WELCOME TO ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY

October 13, the hero of Manila Bay visited Boston. He arrived at the North Station at 6.20 P.M. and was received by the Mayor and escorted to the Hotel Touraine by three thousand Veterans, sailors and soldiers of the Civil and Spanish wars.

The volume of spontaneous enthusiasm which greeted him at the station and over the whole route was probably never before equalled in Boston.

The immense crowds simply went wild in their intense expressions of hero-worship, and amid the red fire, din and pandemonium that was incessant from beginning to end, the Admiral was the only person who seemed to remain cool and self-possessed. The crush upon the streets near the Touraine and upon the Common was terrible, and many persons were more or less injured.

Department Commander Gilman acted as Chief Marshal of the parade, with Post No. 113 as his escort. The right of the line was appropriately accorded to the Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans. Thirty-eight Posts of the Grand Army turned out in strong numbers, Post No. 5 of Lynn taking the palm with three hundred men in line.

All in all, it was the most exciting and strenuous public function ever participated in by Post No. 113.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The spirit of the year was carried into the celebration of the thirtieth Anniversary, held at Young's, November 22, and deserves special notice. The usual reception was held with the largest attendance in the history of the Post. The main dining room proved insufficient, and an overflow was necessitated. The feast of reason commenced with the entrance into the main dining room of the overflow members, singing "Hold the Fort." Commander Goodrich, after extending greetings to the members and guests present, rehearsed in an interesting manner the series of stirring events of the year and recalled to memory the Comrades lost. He closed with a sketch of the changes produced by the Spanish War and the new duties in consequence devolving upon us as a Nation. His address was dignified and straight to the point; Comrade Charles H. Taylor,

the prince of toast-masters, then took charge of the assembly. In his opening, he delivered a very interesting review of the events enacted during the past thirty years, and recalled the vast advance in many directions and within comparatively a few years.

The surprises of the evening were many. Colonel William G. Vincent of New Orleans, Louisiana, Commander of the Confederate Louisiana Brigade of Cavalry in the Civil War, in a neat speech at once established himself in the good graces of the "boys," and without more ado was created an Honorary Life Associate Member of the Post. Thirty-six gentlemen, the nucleus of the new Associate Membership, were for the first time welcomed, and as the names of those present were called, each was decorated with the beautiful gold badge especially designed for the "Kinsley Associates." Past Commander Blackmar in presenting and pinning the badges on their breasts said: —

"Wear these badges over hearts as true as those who welcome you. A soldier's welcome is your own."

Able speeches of a lofty tone were made by Captain John G. B. Adams, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, Mayor Quincy and Admiral Gherardi. Post Chaplain Edward A. Horton made a spirited defence of Secretary of the Navy, ex-Governor Long, against the aspersions of Western newspapers, and Past Commander Blackmar read a number of humorous telegrams purporting to be from Secretaries Root and Long, General Buller and Aguinaldo. A very interesting letter was read by Comrade Stillings from General Joseph Wheeler dated October 17 at Angeles, Island of Luzon. The musical programme was in keeping with the occasion. All in all, the Anniversary exercises well maintained the spirit and character of the year's remarkable record.

MINOR EVENTS

January 20, Past Commander J. Edward Hollis passed from earth, followed all too soon, May 20, by Past Commander James G. Harris, two of the most lovable and delightful Comrades that the Post has known.

April 19, a rousing Camp Fire was given complimentary to Department Commander Gilman. The Department officers and many others prominent in the Order were guests.

May 21, the Post attended the First Universalist Church at Cambridgeport, upon invitation of William H. Smart Post No. 30. Memorial service was held in memory of the deceased Comrades of that Post. Rev. Edward A. Horton and Comrade Joseph L. White of Post No. 113 took part in the exercises.

Sunday evening, May 28, the Post attended Memorial services at the Young Men's Christian Union. Rev. Charles W. Wendte delivered an address. His subject was "In Memory of our Heroic Dead."

June 15, the Post visited Charles Ward Post No. 62 of Newton.

November 15, annual inspection by Comrade Marcus G. B. Swift, Assistant Department Inspector.

Several musicales and special entertainments were enjoyed during the year.

Notwithstanding extraordinary expenditures, the Post remained in excellent financial condition. The closing days of 1899 were saddened by the death of Past Commander Eugene H. Richards, who entered into rest December 11. The loss of three Past Commanders in one year was a sad example of mortality for Post No. 113.

In addition to the three Past Commanders, Comrades Louis G. A. Fauteaux, June 1, one of the early members, and Edward F. Everett, September 26, making five all together, were lost by death during the year. The obsequies of all were attended by the Post.

IRA B. GOODRICH

Service, Civil War. 21st Mass. Infantry. Corporal; 1st Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant.

The first year of Commander Goodrich's administration was uneventful. Aside from the ordinary routine there was no call to make any special exertion, but the fact was established that he was one of the ablest presiding officers the Post had ever chosen, and was possessed of sound judgment and ability as an executive. He had previously served as Commander of Reno Post No. 9 of Hudson, and had otherwise obtained valuable experience as a presiding officer by responsible positions held in Masonic bodies.

The second term brought new calls of a kind out of the or-

dinary. Suffice it to say that on every occasion in which he represented the Post in public new honor was brought the organization; he rose to every occasion, and his manliness and solid worth were conspicuous. No single Comrade of the Post has been more relied upon for advice in later years or has done more acceptable work in committees and otherwise. In fact, he has been available to fill any breach and ready at all times to aid in sustaining the reputation of the Post. He served upon the Staff of Commander-in-Chief Shaw in 1890, and of Commander-in-Chief Blackmar in 1905.

Upon the death of Past Commander Hollis, he was elected to the board of trustees of the Relief Fund, a position of much responsibility, which he has since held by subsequent reëlections.

PAUL H. KENDRICKEN
Post Commander, 1900

CHAPTER XXXV

Nineteen Hundred

The Navy again at the Helm. Restricted Membership Removed. Reception to Past Commander Blackmar. Patriots' Day. Camp Fire in Honor of Commander-in-Chief Shaw. Memorial Exercises Sunday, May Twenty-second. Address by Rev. Thomas Van Ness. Memorial Day. Chaplain Roswell W. Hoes, U. S. Navy, Orator. "The Lanyard Pulled" at Commanders' Reception, July Fourth. General Wheeler at Thirty-first Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Paul H. Kendricken.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOHN E. GILMAN

Commander	Paul H. Kendricken.
Senior Vice-Commander	John C. Cook.
Junior Vice-Commander	James D. Leatherbee.
Adjutant	James Bruerton.
Quartermaster	John W. Small.
Surgeon	Dr. Frank W. Graves.
	(Dr. William H. Ruddick, April 17, vice Graves deceased.)
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Peter J. Rooney.
Officer of the Guard	Charles E. Pierce.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., James N. North and Arthur Hooper.
Trustees of Post	Charles C. Adams, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker and James S. Barrows.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar, Ch., Albert W. Hersey and Ira B. Goodrich.

THE NAVY AT THE HELM

THE third naval administration was ushered in January, 1900; the tars agog with excitement. The first naval chief of the Post was Comrade Hollis in 1871; the second, Comrade

Harris in 1896. It was therefore an event of more than ordinary interest, and a large number of members and visitors were on deck to welcome the new "web-footed" administration.

The Commander in announcing his committees for the year gave timely notice that he expected all orders to be promptly obeyed, as all delinquents would be put in the "brig."

A fine collation was served, and speeches appropriate to the occasion made by the installing officer and others.

The opening month brought a sad bereavement to the Commander and the Post through the sudden death of Comrade Joseph A. Ingalls, who for over forty years had been a close friend of Commander Kendricken and his business partner for twenty-five years, and was such at the time of his decease.

RESTRICTION OF MEMBERSHIP REMOVED

The question of removing the restriction as to the number of Post members was again agitated, as the names of many very excellent Veterans had long stood upon the waiting list. The Commander therefore called a Special Meeting for the consideration of the subject February 8, and after a very free and full discussion, it was voted to admit all petitioners who should be reported upon favorably by the Committee on Applications. At the next Regular Meeting the entire waiting list was admitted to membership in the Post.

RECEPTION TO PAST COMMANDER BLACKMAR

At the earliest opportunity, March 9, after Past Commander Blackmar's election as Department Junior Vice-Commander, a great reception was given by the Post in his honor in Berkeley Hall, at which the "Kinsley Associates," Post No. 62 of Newton, Post No. 8 of Middleboro, Post No. 71 of Holyoke and the Department officers were present. Music, speeches and the old songs were at their best.

PATRIOTS' DAY

Patriots' Day, April 19, was a gala day for all the Posts in the Department. A grand Camp Fire was held in Mechanics Building, in honor of the visit of Commander-in-Chief

Albert D. Shaw. Post No. 113, as usual in all such events, took a prominent part.

MEMORIAL DAY

The celebration of the two great functions of the Post, Memorial Day and Anniversary, were of special interest, as carrying out the naval flavor of the year, and are worthy of special mention.

Sunday, May 22, the Post and Kinsley Associates attended services at the Second Church. Rev. Thomas Van Ness, an Associate, delivered a strong address, taking for his subject "The Newer Patriotism," or "All Patriots' Day."

CHAPLAIN ROSWELL W. HOES

The principal ceremonies, May 30, were held in Tremont Temple, which was crowded with friends of the Post and hundreds of school children.

Chaplain Roswell W. Hoes, U. S. Navy, delivered an oration full of patriotism. It was an admirable effort. The music was furnished by an especially strong chorus of sixteen male voices, accompanied by a full military band and the organ. Comrade "Joe" White surpassed his previous efforts. Miss Harriet M. Crum of Canton, Ohio, a protégée of President McKinley, was very flatteringly received. Her singing of Rudyard Kipling's Recessional, "Lest we Forget," took the audience by storm. Mr. Herbert Johnson and others were much applauded. Admirals Sampson and Belknap were present. The former held an informal reception after the services, at which a large number of the audience crowded to meet him.

DINNER AT YOUNG'S

It was a cheerful, happy reunion of the shipmates in the afternoon at the customary dinner at Young's. Commander Kendricken presided, and Past Commander Blackmar served as Toast-master. Excellent speeches were delivered by Chaplain Hoes, who was made an Honorary Life Associate Member of the Post. General Curtis Guild, Jr.; Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, Department Commander Peter D. Smith; President Capen of Tufts College; Admiral Belknap; Edgar O. Achorn, Esq., an Associate Member; Colonel Hopkins of the

Loyal Legion and General A. P. Martin; Rev. Dr. J. L. Withrow; Mayor Hart; and other guests were present.

GENERAL WHEELER AT THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

November 22 brought the red letter event of the year and the usual elaborate preparations for the annual reception and banquet at Young's.

The honored guest at the board was no other than our dear friend General Joseph Wheeler, just returned from the Philippines. It is needless to say that his welcome was full of sentiments of affection and respect.

Commander Kendricken again presided, and Comrade Charles H. Taylor acted as Toast-master. After a short address he introduced President George E. Smith of the Senate to represent the State and Mayor Hart the city.

Amid great enthusiasm General Wheeler was unanimously chosen an Honorary Life Associate Member of the Post, and the Associate badge was pinned on his breast by Past Commander Blackmar, who said: —

"When General Lee surrendered at Appomattox, we believed with General Grant that the war was over, and we have since cherished only good will for our brave foemen and have desired to do all that was possible to reunite North and South in our Common Country."

General Wheeler was much affected, and after expressing his sincere thanks for the honor bestowed, delivered an interesting address upon the Spanish War in Cuba and gave a vivid description of the Surrender at Santiago and the ceremonies attending it. He then related some of his Philippine experiences, to the great delight of all present.

The other speakers were Professor Alonzo H. Williams of Brown University; Hon. James J. Myers, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; and Adjutant Brown of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York.

MINOR EVENTS

Comrade Elmar A. Messinger, after eighteen years' service as Quartermaster, retired from office in January and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by the Post.

Mr. Caleb Chase, a life associate member, added $500 to his many former donations for the Post Relief Fund.

Retiring Commander Goodrich was welcomed back to the floor and congratulated upon his successful two years' service in a felicitous speech by Past Commander Blackmar, who presented him with an elegant Post Commander's badge, to which was suspended a 9th Army Corps badge, diamond studded, as a sentiment of love from the members of the Post. Past Commander Goodrich made a feeling response in acceptance.

In February the Post buried Comrade McMurdie, a former member of the 53d Pennsylvania Volunteers, and who was supposed to be a member of some Maine Post of the G. A. R., but having no one here able to perform this last service.

"THE LANYARD PULLED"

Fore and aft everybody was heard and everybody was on hand at the beautiful residence of Commander Kendricken on Elm Hill, July 4, where a royal welcome was extended to "Comrades, shipmates and Associates."

The annual inspection was made November 21 by Comrade William J. Gillespie of Boston, Post No. 7.

The remaining events of the year were the presentation of a beautiful set of colors to the Post by Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, who was subsequently made an Honorary Life Associate Member, and by Miss Alice O'Neil of the old Flag of the U. S. S. *Cincinnati;* the advent of the "Kinsley Glee Club"; and the death of Mrs. Carista A. Kinsley, wife of Mr. Edward W. Kinsley, for whom the Post was named, and whose funeral was attended by the Commander and a delegation of the Post. It was a busy and pleasant year, though without any marked public functions.

The Post membership was one hundred and twenty. The losses by death in addition to Comrade Ingalls were Comrade Dominicus Koppman, January 4; Joseph W. Gelray, March 10, a distinguished soldier; and Dr. Frank W. Graves, March 13, the Post Surgeon.

PAUL H. KENDRICKEN

Service, Civil War. U. S. Navy. Acting 3d Assistant Engineer; 2d Assistant Engineer.

If, as Goethe said, "kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together," the reason of the pleasant relations existing in the Post during Commander Kendricken's term of

office may be readily understood, for no kinder-hearted or more considerate Commander ever occupied the chair.

It was a pleasant and enjoyable year. The routine of the Post went on from month to month easily, quickly and without friction. Like the free and happy brook, it travelled on and on, unvexed by small delays, until, gliding at length into the great ocean of memories, it was lost in satisfied serenity.

"That best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

JOHN C. COOK
Post Commander, 1901

CHAPTER XXXVI

Nineteen Hundred One

The Infantry again Leads. Another Reception to Past Commander Blackmar. Memorial Observance. General Charles H. Grosvenor, Orator. Pathetic Letter of the Late Carl Pfleuger. Memorial Service to Comrade McKinley, Late President of the United States. The Thirty-second Anniversary. Sketch of Commander John C. Cook.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY COMRADE WILLIAM M. OLIN OF POST NO. 26, ROXBURY

Commander	John C. Cook.
Senior Vice-Commander	George E. Henry.
Junior Vice-Commander	George H. Graves.
Adjutant	James Bruerton.
Quartermaster	James M. Hilton.
Surgeon	Dr. William H. Ruddick.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	Charles E. Pierce.
Officer of the Guard	Edwin C. McFarland.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster Sergeant	Augustine Sanderson.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Arthur Hooper and Paul H. Kendricken.
Trustees of Post	Charles C. Adams, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker and James S. Barrows.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar, Ch., Albert W. Hersey and Ira B. Goodrich.

THE INFANTRY IN COMMAND

WITH the temporary retirement of the Navy, a representative of the 24th Massachusetts Infantry assumed command.

RECEPTION TO PAST COMMANDER BLACKMAR

The first event was a repetition of the reception and Camp Fire of the previous year, in honor of Past Commander Black-

mar, now advanced to the office of Department Senior Vice-Commander.

Most of the Posts in the city were represented, together with the Kinsley Associates and Department officers.

There were speeches galore, interspersed with music; a whole minstrel show by the Hawthorne Musical Club, and all the old songs led by the "Kinsley Glee Club." The honor guest of the evening was warmly lauded over and over again, to all of which he responded in his always happy and appreciative manner.

Among the eminent guests were Captain Clark, U. S. Navy, since promoted to Rear Admiral, and who commanded the U. S. battleship *Oregon* and brought her safely from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and took an important part in the capture and destruction of the Spanish fleet off Santiago de Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

Another noted guest was Captain Elmer F. Mayo, the hero of the Monomoy Life-saving Station, who had shortly before performed brave and gallant service in saving life.

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE

The customary service, the Sunday before May 30, was again enjoyed by the Post at the Second Church, with the minister, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, officiating. His address was a thoughtful effort upon the subject "The Two Dominating Ideas of 1861."

His closing words were "Truth, the right and love shall triumph, for God is marching on."

GENERAL CHARLES H. GROSVENOR

Memorial Day was observed by the decoration of graves, tablets and statues, with full ceremonies on the Common and at Tremont Temple.

The orator of the day was General Charles H. Grosvenor of Ohio, who spoke from the Veteran's standpoint on the War of the Rebellion. He related many incidents connected with his long service in Congress, and appealed for a kindly feeling between North and South. He said there has never been any lack of loyalty on the part of the people for the old Soldier.

THE DINNER

The afternoon was devoted to the reception, dinner and accompanying speeches at Young's. Rear Admiral Sampson, who had attended the exercises in the Temple, was present, together with the orator of the day, General Grosvenor, Colonel Butler and Lieutenant-Colonel Morris of the U. S. Army, Hon. Samuel L. Powers and Rev. George C. Lorimer. Commander Cook presided.

General Grosvenor was made an Honorary Life Associate Member of the Post and the gold badge of an Associate pinned on his breast. An affecting incident of the day was the reading of the following letter from the late Carl Pfleuger: —

"CAMBRIDGE, April, 1899.

"TO THE COMMANDER OF EDWARD W. KINSLEY POST NO. 113, G. A. R.

"*Dear Sir*:

"Being in very poor health, and entertaining no hope of recovery, I hereby beg of you to accept at the time of my death the return of the enclosed beautiful badge which Post 113 so tenderly presented to me in 1887. I shall leave no descendants, and therefore I think it but right and proper that this badge should be returned to the donors at the time of my death. Will you kindly convey my most heartfelt thanks to the members of the Post for the great honor they bestowed on me, and tell them that I prize this badge higher than anything in my possession. I also thank them very sincerely for their great kindness to me in former years, and for the joy and honor I was privileged to possess in their medal. Wishing Post 113 a long and happy life, and thanking you for the service I ask, I am,

"Yours very sincerely,
"CARL PFLEUGER."

Accompanying the letter was the badge presented him by the Post and which he had worn, not only here, but in his native land, with the greatest pride and pleasure.

Carl had served his time in the German Army and was always a prime favorite with the boys of "113" upon its social occasions.

MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT McKINLEY

September 17, the Post attended Memorial services at Tremont Temple in honor of Comrade William McKinley, President of the United States. Dr. Lorimer spoke eloquently and feelingly of the departed Patriot and Statesman. The 18th of the same month the Post was called to part with another of

its Past Commanders and its first Adjutant, Augustus N. Sampson, who was not only one of the charter members, but who had been conspicuous during its whole history in his untiring activity and zeal for the welfare of his beloved organization.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

The recurring annual banquet was held at Young's, Commander Cook presiding, and Associate Member Edgar O. Achorn, Toast-master, who made an extended address.

He was followed by James O. Lyford, Naval Officer of the Port, representing the United States; Colonel William M. Olin spoke for the State; Hon. Patrick A. Collins responded for the city; Department Commander Barton for the Grand Army; Major Robert W. Patterson, U. S. Army, for the Regular Army; Past Commander Kendricken for the Navy; Rev. Thomas Van Ness for our Associates; Hon. John W. Candler for our new possessions; Professor C. H. Toy, of Harvard University, an ex-Confederate, for the Sunny South; Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton for the American woman; and Past Commander Blackmar, who pronounced the benediction. The speeches were all of unusual excellence and force. Captain John A. Logan, U. S. Army, a son of the late General Logan, was also present. The new "America," composed and sung by Herbert Johnson, caused the greatest enthusiasm.

The duties of the year closed with the annual inspection of the Post by Comrade Nathaniel T. Howard of Post No. 2, Assistant Department Inspector.

Honorary Life Associate Membership was given Henry E. Stillings, who served in the U. S. Army in the Philippines and China and was discharged for wounds, and General Augustus P. Martin, a hero of Gettysburg, often a guest and speaker at the social occasions of the Post.

The only death was that of Past Commander Sampson, as before noted.

JOHN C. COOK

Service, Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry.

The year was devoid of any special public function, but the regular routine was well carried out. Commander Cook represented the Post in a quiet and faithful manner, and the

helpful spirit of Comradeship, conspicuous the previous year, was continued; it was a season of genuine pleasure. Comrade Cook has since rendered valuable service as Chairman of the Council of Administration and as a member of numerous committees. He has for years been a leading member of the Post.

"Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone.
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Turn to hope your brother's fears.
Pass it on."

CHAPTER XXXVII

Nineteen Hundred Two

Reception to Department Commander Blackmar. Memorial Day. General Charles P. Mattocks, Orator. National Encampment at Washington, D.C. The Thirty-third Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Albert A. Pope.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, OF POST NO. 62, NEWTON

Commander	Albert A. Pope.
Senior Vice-Commander	George E. Henry.
Junior Vice-Commander	George H. Graves.
Adjutant	James Bruerton.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Surgeon	Dr. William H. Ruddick.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	George E. Mitchell.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster Sergeant	James S. Barrows.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Paul H. Kendricken and Charles B. Amory.
Trustees of Post	Charles Clark Adams, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker and James S. Barrows.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar, Ch., Albert W. Hersey and Ira B. Goodrich.

RECEPTION TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BLACKMAR

THE third consecutive annual reception and Camp Fire, in honor of Past Commander Blackmar, was held in Berkeley Hall, upon his election as Department Commander. Two hundred twenty-five enthusiastic members of the Post and visiting Comrades, with Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, U. S. Navy, and former commander of the famous battleship *Oregon*, were present.

ALBERT A. POPE
Post Commander, 1902

MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Sunday, May 25, the Post attended the Second Church, Rev. Thomas Van Ness delivered an address, and Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton assisted in the service. In the evening a number of the Comrades attended the Memorial exercises at the Young Men's Christian Union. During the week preceding Memorial Day the city schools held patriotic exercises at which members of Post No. 113 and other Posts made addresses. On the morning of May 30, the tablets in five churches and four schools, the statue of General Charles Devens, and the graves in King's Chapel, Common, Granary and Copp's Hill burial grounds, also all graves of Comrades of the Post in Forest Hills, Mt. Hope, Cedar Grove, Milton, Mt. Auburn, West Roxbury and Mt. Benedict cemeteries, and in the various other burial grounds of this and other States, were lovingly decorated in pursuance of the established custom of many years.

After the usual exercises at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common the Post repaired to Tremont Temple, where, in the presence of an audience filling the house, — which included six hundred school children, — the impressive Memorial ritual with appropriate music was rendered and an Oration delivered by General Charles P. Mattocks of Portland, Maine.

AFTERNOON REUNION

The usual dinner and reunion was held at Young's Hotel in the afternoon, with a full attendance. The postprandial exercises were very interesting and eulogistic of the American Soldier. Senior Vice-Commander Henry presided in the absence of Commander Pope. Past Commander Mathews acted as Toast-master; Brigadier-General Robert Blood, Surgeon-General, Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, Hon. James J. Myers, Mr. E. H. Clements, General Mattocks and Brigadier-General Irving Hale of Colorado were the speakers. General Hale, who had served in the Philippines, was especially interesting, in view of our new relations in those islands. General Mattocks was made an Honorary Life Associate Member, and the gold badge of a Post Associate duly pinned upon his breast.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Post, having tendered its services as escort to the Department Commander and Staff at the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Washington, left Boston, October 5, and arrived safely the following day.

On the morning of the grand parade the Post took its station at the head of the Massachusetts Division. Just before the column started, Department Commander Blackmar accidentally fell from his horse by reason of the breaking of his saddle girth and was so much injured as to be unable to take part in the parade, greatly to the disappointment of his Comrades of "113."

Department Senior Vice-Commander Dwight O. Judd at once assumed command, and the Post marched over the entire route, receiving its share of applause from the immense throng of people crowding the broad streets of the Capital.

As a whole, the parade was considered one of the finest ever held by the organization.

In the evening, the Comrades and their ladies were entertained very enjoyably. The few days allowed for the trip were fully occupied in visiting the public buildings, and points of interest in and near the city. A pleasant surprise was the invitation of the "Confederate Veterans' Association" to visit their headquarters. About twenty members of Post No. 113 called and were cordially received.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

The Anniversary banquet was held at Young's, with the old-time enthusiasm and success.

Commander Pope, after a short address of welcome, read a poem entitled "The Color Sergeant," and introduced Past Commander Charles C. Adams as Toast-master.

The following gentlemen spoke : —

Hon. George A. Marden, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, responded for the United States of America; Colonel John L. Tiernan, U. S. Army, for the Army; Captain John Read, for the Navy; Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson on "The Women in the War." The others were Judge Henry S. Dewey, Comrade Charles H. Taylor and Past Commander Thomas R. Mathews, Hon. Arthur H. Wellman, Department Senior Vice-

Commander Dwight O. Judd, and Past Department Commanders Wetherbee and Gilman. A number of the speeches were very entertaining.

MINOR EVENTS

Members of the Post attended the Anniversary of the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps at Park Street Church, on the evening of February 12. Commander-in-Chief Torrance and Department Commander-Elect Blackmar made addresses.

March 13 recorded the death of Life Associate Member General Augustus P. Martin. The Post was represented at his funeral held at the Second Church, Copley Square.

April 16, Comrade Edward J. Jones read an interesting paper on "Massachusetts in the Rebellion."

April 30, a delegation attended Memorial services in honor of our late Associate Member, General Augustus P. Martin, at the "Martin Schoolhouse."

June 10, the Post attended the Boston Theatre and witnessed a fine representation of the play "Drummer Boy of Shiloh," given in aid of the Department Relief Fund. Post No. 113 contributed $340 to the cause.

June 17, a grand Department Camp Fire at Mechanics Building, at which "113" and most of the Posts of the State took part. It was a lively and patriotic occasion.

Among the many donations of the year by the Post, none seemed more fitting than the $113 sent to the ex-Confederate Veterans' Home, in Alabama.

The November Post inspection was made by Comrade Alfred S. Roe of George H. Ward Post No. 10 of Worcester.

A pleasant incident of the year was the presentation by the Post of a silk National Flag to the Roger Wolcott School in Dorchester, with appropriate exercises.

Another pleasant event was the presentation by the Post "Washington Encampment Committee" of a silver loving cup to Past Commander George F. Hall, the chairman, for courtesy and efficiency on the tour.

The deaths were: Comrades Louis N. Tucker, March 18, a charter member of the Post; William M. Osborne, April 29; Lamont G. Burnham, September 25; John B. Reed, September 29; Warren B. Galucia, November 26.

The membership, December 31, was one hundred twenty-two, Associates sixty-eight, Life Honorary Associates fourteen.

ALBERT A. POPE

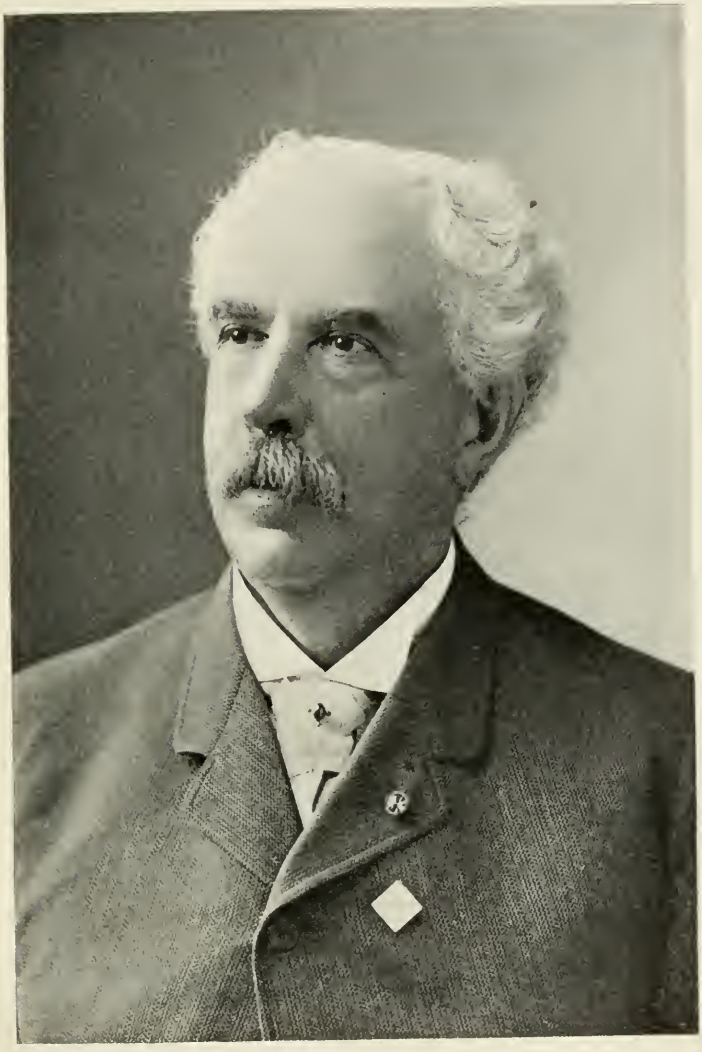
Service, Civil War. 35th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant, Captain; Brevet Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U. S. Volunteers.

The responsibilities devolving upon the office of Post Commander grew with the influence and popularity of the Post.

The duties were exacting and onerous, requiring much time, thought and attention to details.

Commander Pope was a very active business man, with large responsibilities and many social engagements; he was not familiar with the methods or traditions of the Post and had a limited personal acquaintance with the members.

It was a year of perfunctoriness and general lack of interest. The meetings were devoid of life, warmth and enthusiasm. It was, in most respects, a disappointing year; even the trip to Washington hardly relieved the general monotony, though the Committee in charge did all in their power to make the visit a success.



GEORGE E. HENRY
Post Commander, 1903

CHAPTER XXXVIII

Nineteen Hundred Three

Honored by Department Officers. Patriots' Day. Memorial Services. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., Orator. Dedication of Statue of General Joseph Hooker. The Thirty-fourth Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander George E. Henry.

Officers installed by National Senior Vice-Commander William M. Olin, of Post No. 26, Roxbury, assisted by Past Department Commander John E. Gilman

Commander	George E. Henry.
Senior Vice-Commander	George H. Graves.
Junior Vice-Commander	Charles B. Amory.
Adjutant	James Bruerton.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Dr. William H. Ruddick.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	Henry G. Weston.
Sergeant Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster Sergeant	James S. Barrows.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Paul H. Kendricken and George F. Hall.

(Augustine Sanderson, from July 1, vice Kendricken resigned.)

Trustees of Post	Charles B. Adams, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker and James S. Barrows.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar, Ch., Albert W. Hersey and Ira B. Goodrich.

Honored by Department Officers

At the first meeting sixty-five members and fifteen visiting Comrades were present, including Department Commander Blackmar, Department Senior Vice-Commander Judd

and Assistant Adjutant-General Preble. It proved a very lively and enjoyable occasion.

PATRIOTS' DAY

On Sunday, April 19, the Post, by special invitation, attended the unveiling of a portrait to the memory of Rev. John Lathrop, the Revolutionary preacher of 1774, at the Second Church, Copley Square, and were selected to represent the Soldiers of the War for the Union; other organizations were also present or represented at the services.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Preparatory to Memorial Day the Post attended the First Universalist Church, Roxbury, Sunday, May 24, and listened to an admirable address by Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, the pastor.

The usual addresses were made by members of the Post at the patriotic exercises held at the public and parochial schools in the city during the week. On the 30th the full programme of the day was faithfully carried out.

At the Temple, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., delivered an address of remarkable thought and force, which many considered one of his best efforts.

DINNER

At the afternoon reunion at Young's, the entertainment consisted of music by Daggett's Orchestra and speeches by guests and others. Commander Henry presided, and Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson made a rattling Toast-master, whose bright, crisp, breezy sayings and stories interspersed throughout the postprandial exercises proved a highly pleasing feature of the occasion.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief William M. Olin spoke in his customary happy vein; Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton paid a sympathetic tribute to the memory of the late Admiral Belknap. Hon. James J. Myers, Captain J. Stearns Cushing, Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Captain John Read, U. S. Navy (retired), Past Department Commander John E. Gilman, Rev. Frederick

W. Hamilton and Lieutenant Colonel Paul R. Hawkins, Commander of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, spoke pleasantly. It was a sympathetic and enjoyable meeting of Comrades.

HONOR TO GENERAL HOOKER

The 25th of June marked a memorable day for the city and the Veterans of the Civil War, in the dedication of the beautiful equestrian statue of General Joseph Hooker, a statue petitioned for by Post No. 113 six years before. It was erected by the Commonwealth on the State House grounds, fronting Beacon Street. The military and civic parade composed of the M. V. M., Veterans of the War for the Union and Spanish War, Sons of Veterans and patriotic societies was of unusual interest and was witnessed by a vast concourse of citizens congregated for miles on the streets constituting the line of march and upon the Common and State House grounds. Commander George E. Henry had the great honor of leading the members of his old regiment, the 1st Massachusetts Infantry, wearing the same uniform that he wore as an officer of that regiment forty years before. Comrade James Leatherbee carried the regimental Flag and Past Commander George A. Sawin the corps flag of the Army of the Potomac. The Post also had representatives in numerous other bodies that took part in the parade. It was a notable occasion and fittingly commemorated the valuable service of Massachusetts' great soldier.

At the exercises in the evening at Mechanics Building the Post and its colors were present, and our Honorary Life Associate, General Charles P. Mattocks, delivered the Oration. Past Commander Thomas R. Mathews was chairman of the committee on the grand banquet of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, held at the Hotel Somerset on the evening of the 26th, at which many of the Comrades of the Post were present.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, November 21, the annual banquet was held at Young's Hotel. Commander Henry presided, and Past Department Commander Blackmar officiated as Toast-master. The evening was one of rare enjoyment, good comradeship and elevated sentiments. Among the speakers were Mr. Justice

Schofield of the Superior Court bench, Police Commissioner Emmons, Brigadier-General Edmund Rice, Commander Orrin L. Stone, Sons of Veterans, and Major Buford of Nashville, Tennessee, formerly of the 3d Tennessee Infantry, C. S. A.

MINOR EVENTS

February 11, members attended the twenty-fourth Anniversary of the Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps held at the People's Church on Columbus Avenue. Addresses were made by Commander-in-Chief Stewart, Mrs. L. J. Taylor, National President Woman's Relief Corps, Lieutenant-Governor Guild, Commander Henry and others.

At the April meeting Comrade Bowdoin S. Parker was appointed Post Historian.

The principal social entertainments of the year were, in March, a paper by Comrade Walter Allen, on "Frederick Douglass, the Fugitive Slave and his Times"; in April, Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson gave "Personal Reminiscences of the War in the Southwest"; at the October meeting Comrade Daniel Eldredge of Post No. 121 gave a talk on "Port Royal and Fort Fisher"; and Miss Mabelle L. Blake gave two recitations. In November, Comrade Edward J. Jones spoke on "Mexico," aided by fine stereopticon views; while in December, Past Department Commander Blackmar gave an interesting account of his recent visit to the Sandwich Islands, Japan, China and Manila, illustrated with stereopticon.

The deaths were Comrades Charles W. Wilson, May 28, Caleb W. Hodgdon, July 4, and James A. Wallace, November 20.

COMMANDER GEORGE E. HENRY

Service, Civil War.	1st Mass. Infantry.	2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant and Captain.
	14th Veteran Reserve Corps.	1st Sergeant; Brevet Major.
	Provisional Brigade.	Aide-de-Camp and Asst.-Adjutant-General.

Commander Henry was an early member of Post No. 113, but withdrew after a few years. He resumed his membership with the Post in 1891, since which time he took an active part

in Post matters and held a variety of official positions. Being naturally what is termed a "good worker," he discharged the duties of every office with ability and zeal. Under his administration the meetings increased in attendance, and the old interest rapidly returned.

Although no public function of moment was held during the year, all the usual business of the Post and customary events were promptly and efficiently handled.

He left the Post stronger and more united at the conclusion of his term than when he assumed the commandership. He passed beyond, December 31, 1907. His funeral was largely attended by the Comrades, and the G. A. R. service was given by the Post.

CHAPTER XXXIX

Nineteen Hundred Four

The Banner Year. Death of ex-Confederate Lieutenant-General Gordon. Memorial Services. Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson, Orator. The Thirty-Eighth National Encampment. The Grand Parade. The Election of Past Department Commander Blackmar, Commander-in-Chief. "Old Glory Everywhere." "The Best Ever." Reunion of the "Blue and Gray." Notable Letters from ex-Confederates. "Blue and Gray" in Faneuil Hall. Noted Speeches of Great Orators. Presentation of Loving Cup by Lafayette to Kinsley. Old Bugle Calls. Southern Feeling. Fruitage of the "113" Idea. Post No. 113 Honored. Reception to Commander-in-Chief Blackmar. Thirty-Fifth Anniversary. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander George H. Graves.

THE officers were installed by Past Department Commander Peter D. Smith, assisted by Past Department Commander Silas A. Barton, at one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

Commander	George H. Graves.
Senior Vice-Commander	Charles B. Amory.
Junior Vice-Commander	John G. Butler.
	(William H. Ruddick, vice Butler resigned.)
Adjutant	James Bruerton.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	William H. Ruddick, M.D.
	(Horace E. Marion, M.D., vice Ruddick elected J. V. C.)
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	William P. Smith.
Sergeant-Major	George W. Brooks.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	James S. Barrows.
	(Augustine Sanderson, vice Barrows deceased.)
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., George F. Hall, and Augustine Sanderson.

GEORGE H. GRAVES
Post Commander, 1904

TRUSTEES OF POST . . . . . { CHARLES C. ADAMS, Ch., BOWDOIN S. PARKER, and JAMES S. BARROWS.

(WILLIAM H. ALLINE, vice BARROWS deceased.)

TRUSTEES OF RELIEF FUND . . { WILMON W. BLACKMAR, Ch., ALBERT W. HERSEY, and IRA B. GOODRICH.

THE BANNER YEAR

Nineteen hundred four may well be called the banner year of Post No. 113. No year in its history brought the Post so prominently before the national organization of the Grand Army or so favorably impressed its individuality upon the country at large. The important influence of the Post in matters connected with the great National Encampment at Boston, in August; the unanimous choice of one of its Comrades to the highest office in the Grand Army; and the unique effort of the Post to carry out its well-considered policy of cementing the friendship of the two great sections of our country, estranged by the Civil War, into a more perfect union of hearts and hands, with the glow and warmth of patriotic ardor to maintain and perpetuate our Great Republic as the Nation of Liberty, Equal Rights and Unity, furnished a bright chapter in the annals of "113" which time will not obscure nor space obliterate from the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

DEATH OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL GORDON

At the first meeting of the year an index of the feeling and intentions of the Post was given by the adoption of sympathetic resolutions upon the death of Lieutenant-General John B. Gordon, the noted ex-Confederate officer.

The resolutions referred to General Gordon

"as one who cherished no bitterness in defeat, and whose influence was always exerted in the direction of a permanent restoration of the Union, as well as promoting cordial relations between the Veterans of the two armies."

A copy was sent to Mrs. Gordon, who gratefully acknowledged the same in fitting words.

The Post's acquaintance with General Gordon came through

his visit to Boston, November 4, 1895, at which time he delivered a lecture in Music Hall as heretofore mentioned.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday, May 29, the Post attended a Memorial service at Berkeley Temple.

On the 30th the full Memorial Day services were carried out with the customary elaborateness of detail at Tremont Temple.

Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson was Orator of the day, and the music was furnished by the First Cadet Band and vocalists. The following selections were rendered with fine effect: "To Thee, oh, Country" was sung by a male quartette; "The Vacant Chair," by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Delmont, and a male chorus; "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "All Hail America," by Mrs. Carrie Hooker and chorus; "Lead Kindly Light," by male chorus; and "Face to Face," by Mr. Johnson.

Comrade Anderson gave an interesting résumé of the facts of the war for the Union, mingled with personal reminiscences of the troubles in Kansas. It was listened to with great satisfaction by a large audience.

DINNER

At two o'clock the Post, Associates, and guests assembled at Young's Hotel, and a pleasant social occasion was enjoyed.

Commander Graves presided, and Past Commander Goodrich acted as Toast-master. The following gentlemen were successively introduced: Police Commissioner W. H. H. Emmons, Rev. Mr. Stockdale, Past Department Commander Blackmar, Associates Hon. James J. Myers, Rev. Dr. Hamilton, and Rev. Thomas Van Ness.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The really important events of the year clustered about the National Encampment held in Boston, after an interval of fourteen years. Upon the several committees having in charge the arrangements and details of the Encampment were the following sixteen Comrades of Post No. 113, viz. — Rev. Edward Anderson, Charles B. Amory, Charles C. Adams, Wilmon W. Blackmar, James Bruerton, Alexander M. Ferris, Rev. Edward A. Horton, George E. Henry, George F. Hall, Paul H.

Kendricken, Dr. Horace E. Marion, Bowdoin S. Parker, Albert A. Pope, Ephraim B. Stillings, Charles H. Taylor and Cranmore N. Wallace.

The week of August 15, 1904, will ever remain a fruitful theme at the Camp Fires and in the homes of thousands of Grand Army Veterans dispersed from Maine to California.

The general programme for the week was as follows:

Monday. — Parade of the ex-Prisoners of War, Naval Brigade, Naval Jackies and Marines. Grand receptions at the Hotel Vendome by the National Woman's Relief Corps, and the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps.

Tuesday. — Grand Parade of the Grand Army; Consolidated G. A. R. Camp Fire at the Mechanics Building and Reception of Daughters of Veterans at Hotel Vendome.

Wednesday. — National Encampment Delegates of the G. A. R. at Symphony Hall; National Conventions of Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans and Ladies' Aid Society; all held in the Tremont Temple Building, and a River carnival in the evening at Waltham.

Thursday. — Continuation of Encampment at Symphony Hall and Conventions in Tremont Temple; Automobile parade and excursions. Electric parade in the evening, Woman's Relief Corps Camp Fire in Mechanics Building.

Friday. — Excursions and visits to historic places.

Saturday. — Steamboat excursion to view the Battle-ships and manœuvres.

Each evening during the week a magnificent electrical display was given, extending from Park Street across the Common and Public Garden to the Vendome on Commonwealth Avenue.

On Monday, August 15, General John C. Black, Commander-in-Chief, established his headquarters at the Hotel Vendome, and the Comrades from every part of the Union poured into and possessed themselves of the city.

The first duty of Post No. 113 as a body was the welcoming again to Boston of Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York. The Lafayettes arrived with full ranks, Monday afternoon; they made a handsome appearance and took up their quarters at the Hotel Lenox; Commander Joseph J. Little, Senior Vice-Commander Patrick H. Murphy, Junior Vice-Commander Fred C. Barger.

The parade of the prisoners of war, Kearsarge Naval Veterans, U. S. Jackies and Marines, was an interesting event, and Post No. 113 was well represented in the first two organizations.

THE GRAND PARADE

On Tuesday the monster parade of the Grand Army War Veterans took place. The weather was superb and the enthusiasm unbounded.

Post No. 113 had the honor of leading the column as the personal escort of the Commander-in-Chief John C. Black, while Comrades Cranmore N. Wallace and Bowdoin S. Parker served as his mounted personal Aides-de-Camp.

It was a wonderful event, considering the nearly forty years which had elapsed since the close of the Civil War. About thirty thousand men were in line; the Massachusetts Department turning out nearly ten thousand Veterans in magnificent form. The like event will never again be seen in Massachusetts' Capital. It is believed that the number of persons congregated to view the parade, August 16, was by far the largest ever assembled in the streets of Boston.

ELECTION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The crowning event of the Encampment proper, for Post No. 113 was the choice of our highly esteemed first Post Commander, Wilmon W. Blackmar, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year 1904–5.

Prior to 1900 the Post took little interest in what has been denominated "Grand Army Politics," either in the Department or National organization. Department Commanders and Commanders-in-Chief came, performed their part and retired, but "113" was serene in its own individuality and neither exercised nor cared to exercise any special influence in Grand Army elections or legislation. In 1900, however, it awoke to the fact that in Comrade Blackmar it had a Comrade who would be an ideal candidate for any official position. Steps were accordingly taken to bring about his election to a Department office, and to avoid displacing any officers who were technically deemed "in the line of promotion," nominated him for Department Junior Vice-Commander, to which office he was elected. He subsequently filled the offices of Department Senior Vice-Commander and Commander.

His candidacy for Commander-in-Chief was first considered at the January meeting of the Post in 1904, and the following

committee was selected to bring the matter before the Department Encampment, viz.—Comrades George E. Henry, Bowdoin S. Parker, Ephraim B. Stillings, and Rev. Edward Anderson.

Upon the first day of the Encampment at Faneuil Hall, February 9, Past Commander George F. Hall, who had been selected to present Past Commander Blackmar's name, in an admirable speech nominated him as Massachusetts' candidate for Commander-in-Chief. The Encampment at once adopted our candidate, and the Department delegates to the National Encampment were instructed to present his name and urge his election.

The members of the Post were indefatigable before and during the Encampment in exerting their influence, both singly and collectively, for the success of Past Department Commander Blackmar, which finally resulted in the withdrawing of all candidates from other Departments and his unanimous election. It was a proud and happy day equally for our Comrade Blackmar and the Post.

"OLD GLORY" EVERYWHERE

The city was handsomely decorated in elaborate and beautiful designs, while "Old Glory" was proudly waving everywhere.

The electrical display was certainly the finest and most enchanting sight imaginable. Thousands upon thousands thronged the streets and public grounds by day and night the entire week.

"THE BEST EVER"

By general consent, the National Encampment of 1904 was one of the largest, finest and best in every detail ever held by the Grand Army. From distant parts of the country came Comrades, many making their first visit to New England, while numerous others came to renew the scenes of their youth or to enjoy the associations formed at the prior Encampment of 1890. The scenes of the Revolutionary struggles were visited with an interest few of us can appreciate, and all returned with a quickened patriotism and a more enduring confidence in the future power and greatness of our noble Republic.

One and all were lavish in their praise of the unbounded hospitality afforded them on every hand, and the thoughtful care

bestowed in numerous ways deeply impressed every visitor. Well may we be proud of our Commonwealth, our City and our individual citizens, who vied with each other in according a greeting that could not be excelled in its warmth and generous kindly feeling.

After the Encampment, letters were received by Department Headquarters from almost every State in the Union, praising in the highest terms the hospitality of Massachusetts Comrades. The excursions by land and sea, the great Camp Fires, the Carnival at Waltham, the illuminations, the decorations, the courtesy and kindness of the Police, citizens, and Comrades on all occasions of the eventful week, have been referred to with appreciative and loving words.

REUNION OF THE BLUE AND GRAY

"If thou didst ever see a hand cut off, or a foot, or a head, lying anywhere apart from the rest of the body, such does a man make himself, as far as he can, who is not content with what happens, and separates himself from others, or does anything unsocial. Suppose that thou hast detached thyself from the natural unity — for thou wast made by nature a part, but now thou hast cut thyself off — yet here there is this beautiful provision, that it is in thy power again to unite thyself. God has allowed this to no other part, after it has been separated and cut asunder, to come together again. But consider the kindness by which he has distinguished man, for he has put it in his power not to be separated at all from the universal; and when he has been separated, he has allowed him to return and to be united and to resume his place as a part."

— Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus.

The sentiments of the members of Post No. 113 toward the men who fought against them in the Civil War was illustrated in their entertainment of General Joseph Wheeler in 1899. But in order that the feeling of good-will and conciliation between the two sections of the country might be still further cemented, the Post deemed the National Encampment at Boston a peculiarly favorable opportunity to show the people of both sections that the animosities of war, as far as the Veterans upon both sides were concerned, had ceased and that they were now reunited in the support and enjoyment of one common Country and one Flag. To this end it was decided to invite a goodly number of representative ex-Confederate Veterans

of the Civil War residing in different Southern States to visit Boston and become the guests of Post No. 113 during the Encampment week. The committee to carry out the proposed programme were greatly aided by Mr. Edward C. Brush, an ex-Confederate Veteran, living in Boston.

INVITATION

The following invitation was issued and sent to each of the ex-Confederate Veterans selected.

"Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R.
"Department of Massachusetts,
"Headquarters, Odd Fellows Building,
"Boston, June, 1904.

"To ————————

"*Dear Sir:*

"The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is to be held in Boston during the week beginning August 15, next.

"Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, of the Department of Massachusetts, by many acts in the past, have endeavored to show what has seemed to them the proper spirit by cordial and friendly conduct to their countrymen of the Southern States who wore the gray, and who are to-day compatriots with us in a united country; we are still earnest in our desire to continue this good work.

"It is my very great pleasure, as Commander of this Post, to inform you that by a unanimous vote of its members, I am directed to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be present in old Faneuil Hall on the evening of Monday, August 15. We are to have with us on that occasion as our guests, Lafayette Post of New York, many of the distinguished officials of our State and City, our Commander-in-Chief, General John C. Black, who has recently had a most delightful experience among your Comrades in the South, and we have the strong hope that we shall be favored with the presence of our President, and that we may also have about twenty-five of your representative Comrades.

"We are to be assisted by Mr. Edward C. Brush, one of your Comrades at present domiciled in our City, and we hope you will aid him in his efforts by your presence on that occasion, which we are sure will be appreciated not only by our own Post, but by the citizens generally of this Commonwealth, and even by the nation at large.

"With sincerity and respect,
"Geo. H. Graves,
"*Commander.*"

The invitations were answered with the utmost cordiality and good-will, and the replies received indicated that the re-

union of the Blue and Gray in Faneuil Hall would be the most notable since the close of the War.

A few extracts subjoined will indicate the tone and sentiment of all.

From Colonel Henry Watterson

"Louisville, Ky., June 22, 1904.

"My dear Sir:

"I am not only most highly honored, but most deeply touched and gratified by your letter of the 20th, which has just reached me. I wish it were possible to be with you the coming 15th of August. Nothing less than imperative engagements calling me to another part of the country could keep me away. Believe that if absent in person, I shall be with you heartily in spirit.

"The war is over, and well over. Whether it could have been averted we shall never know. Two conflicting schools of thought, two antagonistic systems of labor, slowly but surely erecting themselves within certain well-defined geographic partitions. Seventy and one years that which was in the beginning built upon compromise was held together by compromise. The last thirty years of the struggle between irreconcilable conditions and opposing ideas revealed an ever increasing intensity of feeling, an ever widening area of conviction in what had become, long before the guns of Beauregard opened fire upon Fort Sumter, little other than two hostile camps. The framers of the Constitution, unable to agree, had left the relation of the States to the Federal Government open to a fatal double construction. The battlefield seemed the only court of last resort. Into that dread tribunal each litigant brought the best that was in him. All minor differences, all doubts and all fears, were sunk in the single issue of the Union on the one side and the Confederacy on the other. The law of Force against Force alone was to decide. It did decide, and the decision, which was equally complete and final, left nothing to wish for by the North, nothing to hope for by the South.

"I belonged to that great body of conservative men in the South — my home was in Tennessee — who resisted the disunion movement to the last. The debate ended — war at hand — forced to take sides, we sided with the South and against the North; and, in doing so, we had to stifle many convictions and sensibilities. Millions of us loved the Union. Millions of us detested slavery. Millions of us denied the doctrine of secession. We may not argue now who brought the battle on — it was battle — and the same Anglo-Saxon and Scotch-Irish blood which welled up in the North welled up in us; we fought, and we fought to a finish; there is no looking backward, there are no regrets. Grant was the first peacemaker. Lee gave himself as a hostage for the rest of us. Two Confederate Generals wear the blue again, and the gray worships at its shrines without so much as a suspicion of disloyalty; yea, with the encouragement and sympathy of every true soldier of the North.

"Happy issue, happy all of us who have lived to see it. Let us not, either North or South, wring our hearts by recalling the past — the drums and tramplings of the legions — nor the faces, nor the tones of the dead — but let us rather feel that they died not in vain. Let Massachusetts rejoice that out of the wreck, the Southern people saved their reason, their racehood, and their manhood. If another day of travail should overtake the reunited Sections, the North will surely find in the South a shield and a buckler alike against the organized rapacity and corruption of Mammon and the militant insanity of agrarianism, forbidding a second 'irrepressible conflict' forbidding the threatened collision between Capital and Labor; forbidding it in the name of the Constitution which assures us uniformity of laws; in the name of the Government, which, whilst enforcing those laws, will mete out exact justice to all men and compel among all the people equality of opportunity.

"Again thanking you for your hospitable invitation, and asking to be remembered to all the members of Edward W. Kinsley Post, I remain, etc.,

"Henry Watterson."

From Major Edward Buford

"Nashville, Tenn., June 20, 1904.

"Dear Sir:

"Your letter of 6/9 reached me in due time. I write to thank you for the invitation and to say that unless some unlooked-for accident shall occur to prevent, I will certainly avail myself of the invitation and will be in Boston on August 15, and give myself the pleasure of again mingling with the members of Kinsley Post No. 113. The recollection of the delightful evening November 20, '93, which I spent as a guest at the Annual Banquet of your Post at Young's Hotel, is still fresh in my memory, and I shall enjoy renewing the pleasant acquaintances begun on that occasion.

"We have had this week in Nashville a reunion of Confederate Soldiers, and it was very gratifying to me to see how completely the bitterness engendered at the Civil War has passed away. The Confederate Soldiers have turned their eyes to the future, and are as devoted to our Country and its Flag as any people in the United States. I hope before I die to be able to see the soldiers of both armies meet together and affiliate as citizens of a common country, and I believe it will be done at some time in the future. The sentiments expressed in your letter touched me very nearly, and I thank you for them. I shall always be glad to do anything in my power to bring about a perfect reconciliation between the two sections, and I believe the best way to do that is to bring representative men from the two sections together. Again thanking you for the invitation, I am, etc.

"Edward Buford."

From General B. F. Eshlman

"New Orleans, La., July 29, 1904.

"Dear Sir:

"I acknowledge with grateful thanks the invitation to be present on the 15th proximo at the Old Faneuil Hall on the occasion of your National Encampment and assure you it will give me great pleasure to unite with you on that occasion.

"The commendable work of your Post in bringing together in friendly fellowship the compatriots of our united and glorious country is one that has been recognized by the best people of the South as well as the North, and is a strong rebuke to those who would keep up deplorable agitations.

"Yours very truly, etc.

"B. F. Eshlman."

From Colonel William E. Cameron

"Petersburg, Va., June 28, 1904.

"Dear Sir:

"In acknowledging the kind invitation conveyed in your favor of the 27th, to be present as the guest of Edward W. Kinsley Post, G. A. R., at Faneuil Hall on the evening of August 15, I beg to express my appreciation of the fraternal spirit which prompts the courtesy extended to myself and other Confederate Veterans. I regret that feeble health will preclude my acceptance, for I am sure that those of my Comrades who are able to attend will have cordial welcome and generous hospitality.

"I am, Sir, etc.

"William E. Cameron."

From Colonel Stephen D. Lee

"Columbus, Miss., June 20, 1904.

"Dear Sir:

"I have your very pleasant letter of recent date, in which you, as Commander of your Post, extend to me a most cordial invitation to be your guest, and to be present in old Faneuil Hall on the evening of Monday, August 15, at the meeting of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am personally aware of the broad spirit and cordial and friendly conduct of your Post toward the people of the South. I respect in every way this broad and philanthropic action. The Veterans of the South fully accepted the results of our great Civil War, and, since they laid down their arms, have been true and loyal to our reunited country, and have ever striven to do all in their power to add to its glory and prosperity.

"I regret that my engagements are such that I will not be able to accept your kind invitation to be present as your guest.

"It is my privilege to know General John C. Black. He was a visitor at our grand reunion at Dallas, Tex. Would that every citizen

of our great Republic was as broad minded as he is, and as are the Comrades of your Post.

"With kindest wishes,

"Yours truly, etc.

"STEPHEN D. LEE."

From COLONEL WILLIAM G. VINCENT

"NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 21, 1904.

"DEAR SIR:

"I recognize in the invitation extended to me, and the action of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts, that lofty spirit of chivalry and patriotism which is innate in the true American Soldier, and of which the Massachusetts Soldier is the most fitting emblem, and the sentiments which you express strike a responsive chord in our hearts.

"The past — with its grand memories of heroic deeds and untold sacrifices — serves but to draw us closer together, for we on both sides lived up to and did our duty with the lights that were before us. We each staked our lives on what we thought to be right, and true men could do no more, nor no less.

"Fate and destiny brought the arbitration of the sword, and which seemed the sole solution of the vexed questions at issue of the times, and when the smoke of battles passed and the final arbitrament was arrived at, found us again a united and great people — one flag and one country.

"I am under great obligations to the members of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., Department of Massachusetts, and I would esteem it a great honor for some opportunity to even partially reciprocate.

"It will afford me profound satisfaction to be present on August 15, 1904, at Faneuil Hall, — that cradle of Liberty, — my health permitting.

"I beg to assure you that I am always most willing and ready to reciprocate those fraternal feelings which we old Soldiers can most appreciate.

"Very truly yours, etc.

"WILLIAM G. VINCENT."

From COLONEL GEORGE CLARK

"WACO, TEXAS, July 8, 1904.

"DEAR SIR:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very kind favor of July 2 extending me an invitation by direction of the unanimous vote of the members of your Post, to be present in Faneuil Hall on Monday, August 15.

"Nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to be present on such an occasion, and I shall make every effort to be with you and to

join with you in a demonstration of that spirit of fraternal cordiality so essential to the preservation of our glorious institutions.

"With renewed thanks, I beg to remain, etc.

"George Clark."

EX-CONFEDERATES WELCOMED

Monday afternoon, August 15, the Post Committee welcomed our Southern guests to Boston, and escorted them to the Algonquin Club House, on Commonwealth Avenue, where an informal but elegant luncheon was served, to the harmonizing strains of music floating in the summer breeze. The officers of the Post, with the general committee and a special reception committee, extended the courtesies of the occasion to our ex-Confederate friends.

While this was going on, the members of the Post assembled in the hall adjacent to the luncheon room. At the conclusion of the meal, amid the cheers of the "boys," the doors were opened and the guests of the day were each personally escorted about the hall and introduced to every member of the Post present. Grand and hearty words were spoken, and the good-will exhibited on every face told truly of the heartfelt emotions of the meeting of ex-Soldiers and now joint heirs of a common heritage.

The party of guests consisted of the following gentlemen, representing different sections of the South, with the organization or branch of the Confederate army in which each served, viz. : —

Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, Winston-Salen, N. C. Sergeant Infantry, Rodes' Division.

Col. Wilson G. Lamb, Williamston, N. C. Lieutenant and Adjutant, 17th North Carolina Infantry.

General W. I. Behan, New Orleans, La. Lieutenant, Washington Artillery.

General B. F. Eshelman, New Orleans, La. Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding Washington Artillery.

Mr. A. R. Blakely, New Orleans, La. Private Washington Artillery, Longstreet's Corps.

Colonel John N. Simpson, Dallas, Texas. 2d Lieutenant, General Dibrell's Staff.

Colonel Frank M. Thompson, Texarkana, Ark. Arkansas Regiment.

Judge Luke W. Finlay, Memphis, Tenn. Lieutenant-Colonel, 4th Tennessee Infantry, Strahl's Brigade, Cheatham's Division.

Judge Jake L. Galloway, Memphis, Tenn. 1st Lieutenant, 4th Tennessee Infantry.

Major Edward Buford, Nashville, Tenn. Private 3d Tennessee Infantry, Hardee's Corps.

General John B. Castleman, Louisville, Ky. Morgan's Cavalry.
Mr. Thomas C. Timberlake, Louisville, Ky. Private Infantry.
Mr. Wm. Henry Johnson, 1st Lieutenant, 1st South Carolina Regulars.
Mr. Edward C. Brush, Private, 10th Florida Infantry, Florida, Brigade, Mahone's Division, Army Northern Virginia.

BANQUET OF BLUE AND GRAY IN FANEUIL HALL

"In every feast remember that there are two guests to be entertained, the body and the soul; and that what you give the body you presently lose, but what you give the soul remains forever."

—Epictetus.

Monday evening the Comrades of Lafayette and Kinsley — the latter accompanied by their Southern visitors — repaired to Faneuil Hall, where, with Post No. 113 as host, the assembly sat down together to partake of the cheer provided. Grouped at a large number of small tables, with Comrades of the Post sandwiched with the guests at each table, the social hour quickly sped as the viands and music were enjoyed. The company were then called to order by Commander Graves, who in a most appropriate and felicitous speech welcomed all to this happy reunion in the "Cradle of Liberty."

WELCOME BY COMMANDER GRAVES

"Comrades of Lafayette Post, our old-time friends and special guests; gentlemen from the Southern States, also our special guests; Comrades of the Blue and the Gray, and other distinguished guests — Would that I had the power of speech to fittingly express to you the cordial, whole-souled welcome which we feel, and which my Comrades of Edward W. Kinsley Post expect me, as their commander, to convey to you.

"I confess that I feel somewhat embarrassed in attempting to speak from this time-honored platform, and within these sacred walls, where oratory of a high order has been sounded, from the early town meeting time down to the present — the cradle of liberty, where the gallant sons of liberty were rocked and nurtured — in old Faneuil Hall, where such patriots as the intrepid Samuel Adams, who was ready to strike hard from the shoulder for the rights of man, at all times and on all occasions; his illustrious, though more conservative, cousin, John Adams, the stanch advocate of independence; the brilliant, wealthy and influential John Hancock, whose bold signature was among the first affixed to the Declaration of Independence — and men of that stamp, proclaimed and stood for the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"Patriots of other colonies were deeply interested in what was being done here; such as Alexander Hamilton, New York's patriot and financier; Washington, Henry, Jefferson and others of the Southern colonies.

"The name of Lafayette, which your noble Post bears, carries us back to those same days; therefore this seems an appropriate place for holding this meeting.

ON HISTORIC GROUND

"Comrades, it is historic ground all around us — over here a little distance stands the old North Church, from the belfry of which lanterns flashed out the signal to Paul Revere on that eventful night; out here a little way is the Old South Meeting-house, with its historic record; a little nearer is the old State House, with its relics of bygone days; within a stone's throw — out in State Street — is the spot where the first blood of the Revolution was shed.

"We are almost under the shadow of Bunker Hill, on the one hand, Dorchester Heights on the other, and right under the flare of the lights on Beacon Hill; Lexington and Concord are within easy distance. With these associations, these surroundings and under these circumstances, the spirit of patriotism should thrill every heart, quicken the blood in every vein and loosen every tongue.

"But those inspirations will fall upon the speakers who will follow later in the evening. My purpose is to bid you welcome, and it gives me much pleasure, and I esteem it a great privilege to extend to you, in behalf of the Comrades of Edward W. Kinsley Post, a most cordial welcome to this somewhat unique entertainment, and express the hope that you may, one and all, spend here an enjoyable and profitable evening.

"I want to say a special word to our Southern friends, who have so nobly responded to our invitations and have travelled such distances to be with us to-night. It has been said that good surgery removes every splinter from the wound, in order that it may heal perfectly.

"One of the central objects in inviting you to meet us here was that in case any splinter, or trace of splinters, still festers in your wound, or in ours, it may be removed, in order that the breach of long ago may be perfectly healed; also, that we might push forward, in some measure, the grand work inaugurated by your Grady, your Gordon, and others, and cultivate the feeling that we are all loyal Americans, supporting the grand old flag, which our forefathers planted (*applause*) and which our children and our children's children will protect. We bid you thrice welcome." (*Applause.*)

Comrade Charles H. Taylor was then presented as the Toastmaster of the evening. His introductory words were gems of thought and ready wit, all in harmony with the occasion. In referring to the Southern guests, he said: —

"But the unique and delightful feature of this occasion is the presence of our friends from the South, the men who fought us, but are now our fellow-citizens; and I want to make an emphatic statement in connection with them and the Spanish War. In addition to that, I want you to carry this away: it was worth all that the Spanish War cost, and all that these gold bricks have or may cost, to put the United States in the position where it is to-day, where an American citizen from the North or South or East or West will be respected by the people of every other nation all over the earth." (*Applause.*)

Governor John L. Bates was first introduced, and delivered a glowing address of welcome to the Union and Confederate Veterans, which in matter and eloquence was rarely equalled.

Governor Bates spoke as follows: —

"*Mr. Toast-master and Fellow-citizens:* I am not here to make a speech, but to show by my presence and the few words that I may utter the welcome that all day long I have been trying to express in words as I have met the honored guests of the City and Commonwealth.

"That you are all welcome, whether from one State or another, from North or South or East or West, must have already appeared to you. You have recognized the welcome in the decorations of the buildings that line the streets; in the countenance of every citizen you have met; and in the warm grasp of every hand you have taken. (*Applause.*)

"The Toast-master has referred to some words of mine uttered on one of the most interesting journeys of my lifetime, when with the Massachusetts delegation I journeyed South last November. May I tell you about it briefly on this occasion when you have these Southern friends as your guests.

"As we sped South farther and farther, we looked for Mason and Dixon's line, but we could not find it. Whether we skipped over it or went under it, I cannot tell. We did not see it. We heard no harsh words; there were no forbidding faces, but everywhere, everything, and everybody seemed to welcome a Massachusetts delegation going South to dedicate a monument to Union soldiers. (*Applause.*)

"So pleasant did it seem beneath those Southern skies, that, if not on the principle that the longest way around is the shortest way home, certainly on the principle that for us the longest way was the pleasantest way, we went to Vicksburg via New Orleans, and, although we had not announced that we were coming, yet the city fathers had heard of it and met us on our arrival. Greatly interested were we in that wonderful city redeemed from the water, and protected now by the providence of God and the mighty labors of men from the overflowing of that great Father of Waters. We admired the beauty of the city and the enterprise of her people, but most of all were we touched by their hospitality.

"At night reluctantly we boarded our train again and in the morn-

ing we entered Vicksburg. We heard the guns booming, and afterward learned that the Governor of Mississippi had ordered a salute fired in our honor. (*Applause.*) A Company of the Mississippi militia met us at the station and escorted us to the hotel. There we were bombarded with roses, and our rooms filled with beautiful flowers. We went to the heights overlooking the great river, and there we dedicated the first monument erected in Mississippi to the Union Soldier. The Mayor of the City attended our exercises and extended to us the City's welcome. The President of the Board of Trade joined with him. General Lee, he who had been the Aide that was sent by Beauregard to demand the surrender of Fort Sumter and had afterwards risen to high command in the Southern Army, extended also a cordial welcome, and the school children of Vicksburg, sons and daughters of Confederate soldiers, sang 'America' for us. (*Applause.*) When we sang the 'Star-Spangled Banner' all the people joined, and when the band played 'Dixie,' our feet kept step with theirs, and there was a depth of meaning in every word spoken, and in every song sung, and in every grasp of the hand; and that night the women of Vicksburg with their husbands came to the hotel and joined in greeting us, and when the women came we knew that not only the war of steel, but that the war of hearts, was over. It was an hour not to be forgotten. (*Applause.*)

"To-night we are glad to welcome in the old Bay State these representatives of the Southern armies. We said at Vicksburg that Massachusetts had closed the book of yesterdays, and that together Massachusetts and Vicksburg, North and South, were united in one sentiment, and that the sentiment you find written here (turning to the great picture behind), 'Liberty and Union Now and Forever.' (*Applause.*)

"Thank God that we have not to wait until the blue and the gray are all gathered beneath the sod and the dew waiting the judgment day to see the time when the glory of God comes marching on, but we can see it right here and now when in this old citadel of liberty the blue and the gray break bread together in Faneuil Hall." (*Great applause.*)

The next speaker introduced was Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson of Post No. 113, who served as Chaplain and later Colonel, commanding a regiment of cavalry during the war. He made a stirring speech which thrilled his hearers repeatedly. He was interrupted by the entrance of Commander-in-Chief John C. Black, who affectionately embraced Colonel Anderson, as he came upon the platform, greeting him as an old Comrade in arms, both having served as officers in the same regiment, but who had not met each other for many years; it was an affecting and dramatic scene.

General Black was soon after called upon and delivered one

of the most forcible and telling speeches of the evening. He received a warm welcome from Veterans and guests alike.

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BLACK

"*Commander, Comrades and Countrymen:*

"This life has for those who are observant strange and romantic situations. When I entered your hall to-night, all without concert on my part or that of the management, the voice that saluted my ears was one to which forty-three years ago I used to listen in reverence while, as he tells you, he prayed for us, whose spiritual guide he was, and whom I have heard but two or three times during all that span of a generation.

"And now arriving among you, while the sweet and tender words of comradeship are still ringing in my ears, is indeed an event in the life of a man. For, in the troublous times then passing, he and I rode side by side discoursing of war and in his way of art and literature, until the golden days of the September of that first year of trouble came stored with the sweeter things than those of war, and after all these years I find that voice waking the echoes of this old hall to which you welcome me. (*Applause.*)

"That is an incident that I believe you, my Comrades, will appreciate. Among all of the occasions of my visits to this historic city, it so happens that this is the first that approximates to a set address. And it is here in the old hall which, save that one in Philadelphia, is the most nearly sacred of any spot in America, that I, for the time being the honored chief of the great soldiery of the Republic, speak fraternal words of greeting to our Comrades now who once were arrayed against us.

"And that is certainly an incident to be enjoyed in the life of any man. (*Applause.*)

"Faneuil Hall, which, whatever changes may be put upon it by the loving generations that from time to time receive it from their sires, is still what Daniel Webster called it, 'the cradle of liberty,' and to-day, thirty-nine years after the cessation of hostilities between estranged brethren, the hands that rock the old cradle were once the hands in blue and gray. (*Applause.*)

"It may be said with all modesty by us that never did it witness a scene more significant of the Americanism of the times than that which transpires this night. (*Applause.*)

"At San Francisco the Grand Army of the Republic had greetings from the voice of the Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, a voice now silent forever, but which reaching us in that city by the far sea, told how gallant Gordon and his associates greeted the men of the armies of the Union, a greeting that spanned the continent, a greeting which then we knew not, but which did, indeed, come from the portals of the tomb of the great Confederate soldier. And we to-night give that greeting back with love and honor to each of his associates who

stood with him in the long rank in the deadly war, and welcome them to this old hall and this old presence with a full heart of Americanism, rejoicing in the obliteration of every trace of hostility, and further rejoicing in the splendid glow with which the country in this new century turns her face away from the sorrows of her past to the splendid sunrise of her unmatchable future. (*Applause.*)

"I have been bidden to come, to see, and be a guest of Kinsley Post of Boston and Lafayette Post of New York, here fraternizing if not in their candidates, at least in their desires (*laughter*), and as long as you two Posts — one representing the metropolis of the world and the other representing Boston, which stands higher than ever did that Athens whose marbles were washed by the Ægean Sea — stand together, believe me, the hosts of the Republic, either in peace or in war are invincible. (*Applause.*)

"I remember how the pen of the historian, catching the tradition of that greatest of ancient powers, relates that at the battle fought by Lake Regillus, when the barbarian hordes stood against the soldiers of Rome, and the conflict seemed waging fiercest, the cause of the Republic all but lost, from the rear came the twin brothers of immortality and of war, and putting themselves in front of the Romans, rode on to victory, and Castor and Pollux took their places in the firmament of men's memory and the splendid pictures of the heavens. And here is the Castor of Lafayette and the Pollux of Kinsley standing side by side in the front ranks of American hospitality. And I remember it was told by the poet that after the battle had been fought and won, and while the dusty ranks of Rome still stood at rest, the twin brothers turned and, riding to the Forum, drank from the well that was immortal and then resumed their march into the Spheres. Here again, I find the tradition paralleled, and Castor and Pollux are drinking from the same perennial bowl. Comrades, may it never be dry, and may you never be dry! How beautiful it is when, without the charm of the presence of woman, when, without the flush of youth spurring you on, such an assembly as this can be complete, where on every brow the signet of age has lightly pressed its honor, where the hearts are full with the emotions that kindle at the altar of a common and glorious country, where every man is still a lover and a lover of the land. Oh, what an assembly is this, when every one present, whatever may have been his past, in the presence of the glorious future and the living present can say to every other man, 'Comrade, I greet you in the cause of the Republic.'

"I should love to talk to you at length, but I want to tell one story, and I know that it will awaken echoes and sentiments in the breasts of your guests, even should they silently receive its sweetness. Among the men that in my middle life I grew to love and honor was Colonel Josiah Patterson of Tennessee, claimed not long since by the great archangel whose shadowy sword is above all men. We sat side by side in the Congress of the United States. We visited your beautiful city side by side, guests of one of your great merchants. Up and down

the land, although our trip was relatively short, we journeyed, and he told me the story of his heart. In the great banquet of the Blue and the Gray at Evansville, where he had been sitting by my side, he arose and told this story: 'In my youth, which was spent in North Carolina, I shared the same means of education that were shared by all the boys of the land, and one of the regular exercises was that every week, on Friday or Saturday, we had our declamation. My father taught me early selections that he desired me to acquire, and among them was one from "Webster's reply to Hayne," that great speech of the Massachusetts orator and statesman whose giant frame rises higher and higher with the passing years until his Olympian head is scarce below the stars. In that oration this great senator turned to his distinguished competitor in the Senate of the United States and said, "Sir, in the event of war, where will you draw the line between the States? What will you do with the Mississippi River?" Years passed. The time of the separation of the States came, and, believing it to be my duty to follow my honored State of Tennessee when she withdrew from the Union, I went with her into the Confederacy. You know the last armed organization that surrendered under the agreement of Grant and Lee east of the Mississippi was my old regiment of Comrades from Tennessee, and by that fact you may know that I, as an American, believed in her cause and its principles. For a long time,' said he, 'it was my duty to lead scouting and exploring parties of my regiment, and sometimes at night I would be obliged to sit down by the camp fire dimly burning, or by the feeble glare of a torch, to study the map spread on the ground before the fire, to determine the course, where my orders should send me, and,' said he to that great assembly, 'Gentlemen, true Confederate as I was, honest as I was in the support of my cause and what I believed then to be my country's, still, when I sat by that watch fire, or stood with that map in hand beneath the torch's glow, that old question of Daniel Webster's came back to me, and never, never, never was I able to say where the line should be drawn or what we should do with the Mississippi River.' (*Applause.*)

"God made this nation for one people. He gave it all the wealth of all the climes and all the zones, and of all the rivers and of all the seas of all latitudes and of all time, and he meant that it should be what it will continue to be — the home of one great, free, loving American people. (*Loud applause.*) And none, to-night, my fellow-countrymen, no one this night more freely, more lovingly, acknowledges that fact than do these, your honored guests." (*Loud applause.*)

PRESENTATION OF LOVING CUP

At this point Colonel A. C. Bakewell arose and in an ornate speech presented in behalf of the five hundred three Comrades of Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York an elegant solid silver

Loving Cup to Kinsley Post No. 113 of Boston. Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton responded for "113" most happily, closing with a tribute to the character of the occasion expressed in a word painting peculiar to himself which thrilled the hearts of all as it called to "Comradeship and Union."

DESCRIPTION OF THE CUP

"The handsome silver Loving Cup was designed by Tiffany & Co. of New York. It stands ten inches high and has a capacity of ten pints. It contains ninety-two ounces of American silver. There are three handles, the accepted style for cups of this description, which are intended to revolve in passing from one hand to another around the board.

"The decoration is appropriate and artistic; the iris used in the ornamentation of the cup is after the model of the conventional Fleur-de-lis of France. This recalls the land of Lafayette and the services rendered to America in the Revolutionary days, and the appropriateness is seen in the fact that the presentation was made by Lafayette Post. The inscription, etched in relief, reads as follows: 'To Kinsley Post No. 113, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. Comrades of the Mess, August 15, 1904.'"

EXTRACTS FROM ELOQUENT SPEECHES

The evening was continued with music and song and speech. If the spoken words could be recalled, and space permitted, it would be a valuable addition to the narrative of the occasion, but, as this is impossible, imperfect extracts must suffice.

Lieutenant-Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., said in part: —

"It is well that there should be honorable controversy between North Carolina and Massachusetts, as to which first offered a regiment in '98 to fight under the Stars and Stripes against a foreign foe.

"The best result of the Spanish War was not increase of territory or prestige; nor the freeing of Cuba; nor even the crushing out of the fever scourge of the tropics. The best result has been that on all great questions the world has learned that if we went into that war the United States of America, we emerged from it the UNITED States of America." (*Applause.*)

GENERAL JOHN B. CASTLEMAN OF KENTUCKY

The General was a Major in Morgan's Cavalry in the Civil War, who was captured and paroled, and was one of the four Southern Brigadier-Generals commissioned by President Mc-

Kinley in the Spanish War in 1898. Among other things he said: —

"It is an honor to be asked under any circumstances to visit this great historic and hospitable city, the metropolis of an ancient commonwealth which requires that the people shall be educated as a safeguard of order and liberty. (*Applause.*)

"Men who are Americans will elect for themselves their own line of duty and perform it and follow that lead.

"Meetings like this between old Comrades in arms promote a common country, and greatest cordiality of feeling between federal and Confederate soldiers." (*Applause.*)

Commander Joseph J. Little, of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York, said: —

"This is not the first time Lafayette Post has had the honor of being your guest. Fourteen years ago the city of Boston was chosen by the Grand Army of the Republic as the field for its National Encampment; and upon that occasion Lafayette Post was chosen by Kinsley as Comrades of the mess. Kinsley also had as its guest at that time, a Comrade of the Grand Army who was then President of the United States, together with members of his cabinet. The members of Lafayette Post to this day vie with each other in praising that occasion, and in expressing their delight at the pleasant recollections of that, our first joint camp fire.

"Since then these two Posts have met together upon other occasions, and at other places. The acquaintance so auspiciously begun fourteen years ago has ripened into friendship. The warmth of that friendship may be appreciated when I point to this goodly number of my Comrades who have accompanied me to this historic city once more to join hands in affectionate clasp, the last time for some of us to touch the elbow; men of Kinsley; men of Lafayette; Comrades of the Grand Army.

"Our last joint meeting was under the hospitable tent of Meade Post of Philadelphia, where the loving cup was passed, the first sip being taken by our lamented Comrade, the late President McKinley. An occasion never to be forgotten!

"Now, Comrades of Kinsley Post, I desire to extend to you our thanks not only for past and present courtesies, but for the very great pleasure you give us to-night in having also as your guests honored fellow-citizens from Dixieland, soldiers who wore the gray, men who in those strenuous days were equally as earnest and sincere as we were who wore the blue. (*Applause.*)

"Your act is a proclamation that reconstruction has reached the hub, and that not only the members of Kinsley Post, but the citizens of this old Commonwealth, recognize the patriotic spirit with which the citizens of the South now join with us in support of our emblem of National Unity — Old Glory.

"Yes, gentlemen, I believe your act has even a greater significance; and when you, as surviving soldiers of that memorable war, invite these gentlemen to put their knees under your mahogany, you, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as citizens of the United States, say to them, that you recognize their rights, as citizens of this great republic, to be equal to your own, or to those of the citizens of any other State, or locality, throughout this land.

"What grander motto can we have than that your courtesy to-night proclaims! One country! One flag! One citizenship! Or where a more appropriate occasion to proclaim it, than where veteran soldiers of the North, and veteran soldiers of the South, are gathered together around the festive board?" (*Applause.*)

OLD BUGLE CALLS

It was a dramatic introduction that Comrade J. Payson Bradley of Boston, who was a bugler in the old 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and who took part in the battle of Spottsylvania, prepared for his friend Hon. Cyrus B. Watson of Winston-Salem, N.C., who fought on the Confederate side in the same battle. Comrade Bradley had with him his bugle and, describing the sanguinary battle of Spottsylvania, introduced the bugle calls incidental to that fateful day. His proficiency with the historic instrument brought every one in the gallery to his feet that he might see the player. Cheer after cheer followed the calls, and applause greeted the story. Upon Mr. Watson's formal introduction the reception tendered him was no less cordial. He said in part: —

"The time has long since passed when a citizen of the United States need bother himself with the inquiry why he fought, or whether he was right in fighting on either side. I am willing to leave it to the spirit of liberty of the United States and let that spirit answer. The man who hears the cry of distress coming from constituted authority and answers that cry cannot be very wrong.

"There ought to be another Confederate reunion, and there ought to be present there representatives of every Post of the Grand Army." (*Applause.*)

The next speaker was General Alfred C. Barnes of Lafayette Post No. 140, New York.

Most of his speech was in the nature of a "family talk," as he was pleased to call it, between the Kinsley and Lafayette Posts.

He said, speaking of the Southern guests: —

"This occasion is of special significance and pleasure, as it enables us to salute our distinguished Southern Veterans. We love them, and this scene proves the genuine and absolute character of the Great Reconciliation." (*Applause.*)

The next speaker was a Southerner, Captain Edward S. Gay of Atlanta, Ga. Captain Gay said in part: —

"Strange were the emotions of my heart to-day. While brave men who bore aloft the Stars and Stripes in the stormy days from '61 to '65 paraded the streets of this magnificent city to the triumphant strains of martial music, there seemed to come from way back in the caverns of memory the booming of distant artillery, and, commingled with its echoes, I caught ever and anon the thrilling strains of that song of the South, sung by our suffering men and women in the darkest days of our struggle: —

"'In Dixie's land I'll take my stand,
And live and die for Dixie.'

"And yet, I yield to no man in patriotism or in perfect loyalty to our reunited country. I salute that flag — the flag of my whole country —

"'Long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.'

"In response to your cordial invitation the pleasure and honor of being with you on this occasion are more than I can express.

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"When a people cease to honor their heroes and great men, they cease to produce them.

"So we of the South on fitting occasions extol the glories of our Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Patrick Henry, who in his memorable speech in the old House of Burgesses at Richmond, Va., fanned the smouldering embers of freedom into a flame which illumined the world. I say, on fitting occasion we honor these great men. And, when the springtime comes, with kisses warm, to set the rivers free and garnish the earth anew with fragrance and beauty, we gather the depleted remnants of the old Confederate army — shattered with wounds and the infirmities of age — and the faithful women and fair maidens of the South, to scatter flowers on the graves of our immortal dead.

"No shout of triumph nor blare of trumpet is there! But, recounting their noble self-sacrifice, heroic courage and patriotic devotion, we rescue from the waste of time fragments of history of how these men lived and died, as the noblest examples and incentives to deeds of glory.

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"Accepting in good faith the terms of surrender, the men of the South returned to their devastated homes, and despite the gloom of

waste and want and poverty, they girded their loins for the conflict of progress and peace, and we are here that you may rejoice with us that our countrymen of the South have met, and are meeting, the issues of the living present, in a manner worthy of their record in war." (*Applause.*)

Comrade B. F. Watson, of Lafayette Post No. 140, said in part: —

"This feast is notable, not only because Kinsley Post stands forth as the worthy representative of Boston's famous hospitality; not only because exalted leaders of the Nation and of the vicinage were bidden to come and are here; that by means of it Kinsley Post has again respected its lavish demonstrations of partiality and friendship for Lafayette Post, but more than all else it is notable because through its instrumentality the brotherhood and the chivalry of the South is recognized and emphasized by the presence here of the most distinguished of the survivors of Lee's almost invincible legions." (*Applause.*)

The last speaker was Colonel E. M. L. Ehlers of Lafayette Post, who said in part: —

"Since Appomattox, another host has sprung to arms and another nation has been added to the roll-call of freedom. We of the Grand Army praise God that to us has been given the privilege of beholding the magnificent spectacle of the son of the greatest chieftain of America, Ulysses S. Grant, and the nephew of the greatest chieftain of the Confederate army, Robert E. Lee, marching shoulder to shoulder in the cause of common humanity and for the downfall of tyranny and oppression. With them went the sons of the North and the sons of the South, all marching in happy concord under one flag, singing with one voice the grand old battle hymn of the republic.

"The men who fought and the women who wept during the cruel civil strife have cast out the last remnant of bitterness, and all again are children of one country, defenders of one cause and heroes of one imperishable glory." (*Applause.*)

Thus ended an event tending to unite the American soldiers of the great Civil War of 1861 to 1865, with sincere, friendly and fraternal considerations, and the spirit of a broad, enlightened brotherhood which unifies and maintains what we now are, and what we shall be for all time, — a great nation for good on earth, — and defending its emblem of united peace and good-will, the "Star-Spangled Banner."

ADDITIONAL COURTESIES

Many public and social courtesies were shown our Southern friends throughout the week. They witnessed from the grand stand the great parade of Tuesday, and were shown the historic landmarks and places of special interest in the city and vicinity. A visit to the reunion of the 38th Massachusetts Regiment Association at the Revere House was a novelty that seemed to strike them very favorably.

SOUTHERN FEELING

Our guests all personally expressed deep satisfaction and appreciation for the numerous kindnesses shown them and for the privilege afforded of making so many delightful acquaintances, together with the opportunity of witnessing all the impressive public ceremonies connected with the National Encampment.

Before leaving they sent a cordial letter to the Post Commander, signed by all of them. In this they say: —

"The undersigned Confederate soldiers desire to express our profound appreciation of the splendid hospitalities which we have received at your hands and at the hands of the soldierly organization of which you are the commander.

"Without wishing to particularize, we cannot forego the pleasure of expressing our profound satisfaction at the tender and delightful association and attentions and the courteous hospitality which we have received through your acts and at the hands of that representative American gentleman, the distinguished presiding officer of the Algonquin Club, General Charles H. Taylor — a member of Post No. 113.

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"We cannot forget, and we recall with profound satisfaction, your words of welcome in Faneuil Hall. . . . We cannot forget, and we remember with the keenest appreciation, the words of your distinguished Governor, which fell like music on our ears. . . . We cannot forget the significant words of General Charles H. Taylor. . . . Nor shall we ever forget the very grateful words of the distinguished Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John C. Black. . . .

"We are aware of the fact that it is not to us as individuals that these delightful messages of true American fellowship come, but as invited representatives at this reunion of the Confederate soldiery. We shall take home with us with glad hearts these glorious expressions of manly men, worthy members of that unsurpassed body, the soldiers of the North.

"This recalls to us also the fact that these messages of fraternal affection came to us in that place dedicated by the wonderful acts and words of some of America's most illustrious sons, properly designated as the 'Cradle of American Liberty.'

"It seems to us in deed and in truth that this is a new awakening of that unsurpassed spirit which breathes the sentiment of your most distinguished general, in which he said, 'Let us have peace'; and those words of our beloved commander, who, at the close of that great struggle, said to us: 'Veterans, remember that we form one country now. Abandon all sectional animosities and make your sons Americans.'

"This splendid new awakening, in the 'Cradle of Liberty,' is a noble utterance of the patriotic impulses which shall usher into being the complete unification of the soldiery of the North and the soldiery of the South, under the flag of a common country, made famous and glorious by the heroes of both North and South in the heroic past — that flag which is the emblem of free institutions under the Constitution, that sublime work of the masters who framed it.

"Therefore, Mr. Commander, you will pardon us for again expressing our exceeding great joy in participating in these exercises and in enjoying these hospitalities which shall be with us a lasting memory, and which we trust shall be a forecast of that glorious awakening of a new national life of the whole land as one people, under one flag, one constitution, entering upon a destiny unsurpassed in history, bringing to all its people the most glorious blessings of 'Liberty and union, now and forever.'"

As a further indication of the interest which this reunion of the Blue and the Gray created in the South, it should be stated that Captain Edward S. Gay, by request of Atlanta Camp No. 159 United Confederate Veterans, repeated to the Camp his speech in full, delivered at Faneuil Hall, August 15. This address was subsequently printed by the Camp and circulated.

As a prelude to the address, Captain Gay gave a sketch of the Boston visit, which was also made a part of the pamphlet published. The sketch is interesting reading and is in part as follows: —

"In responding to your invitation to address you this evening in regard to the recent entertainment of a number of ex-Confederate soldiers by Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Boston, on August 15, permit me to say that about the 16th of June it was my good fortune to receive a very cordial invitation. . . .

"With a high appreciation of the honor thus conferred, and being in hearty accord with the sentiments and good purposes expressed, I (with other Southern gentlemen) accepted the invitation. I have now

the pleasure of relating to you something of the courtesies extended us, and the incidents of the occasion.

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"While in Boston, the ex-Confederate soldiers who were there as guests of the Kinsley Post, seemed to be the recipients of the most special consideration, not only of our host, but of the great State of Massachusetts, the people of Boston and the Grand Army of the Republic. Nothing was spared to make our visit both profitable and agreeable.

"At the State Capitol we were presented to His Excellency, Governor Bates, who gave us a most cordial welcome to the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"A magnificent luncheon was given us at the Algonquin Club. This luncheon (more like a banquet) was served in a large and very handsome room which opened into a hall and also into another large room. During the feast a splendid band of stringed instruments discoursed the most delightful music, with 'Dixie,' 'Old Kentucky Home,' and other airs of sweet memory that cheered alike the hearts of hosts and guests, and gave a foretaste of the enthusiastic reception we were to get when Kinsley Post would arrive in a body. Shortly after this, 'Dixie' was heard from a brass band in the street as the Post, about one hundred and fifty strong, approached the club house. A little later members of the Post were assembled in the large room communicating with the one in which we were. Then the Confederates were assembled near the folding doors to this room. In a moment the doors flew open, and the grandest of cheers greeted us. There was no time for formal introductions, as our Boston friends seized us in their arms, and cheering walked their guest through the crowd, until each Confederate had met and shaken hands with each and all the members of the Kinsley Post. Any attempt at description would fall far short of the actual scene. It was a grand expression of admiration and brotherly feeling rarely witnessed.

"At the banquet given by General C. H. Taylor to the survivors of his old regiment, the 38th Massachusetts, we were among the honored guests. The speeches at this function were in excellent taste; they were full of the spirit of patriotism and good feeling, and the deep emotion manifested by men who wore the blue and gray, in recalling memories of long ago, showed that the soldiers of opposing armies in our unfortunate war between the States held some precious memories in common, which had outlived, and will outlive, the bitterness of that strife.

"The banquet given at old Faneuil Hall seemed to catch the inspiration of that historic place, and I think none could have been there without feeling a thrill of patriotism that would strengthen their devotion to our common country, and a desire to share with our quondam foes all the glory the future may have in store for us as a reunited and happy people.

"The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic was a scene long to be remembered, and was sadly suggestive that they were marching to join the host that have gone before.

"Despite the issues that separated us in the past and all the horrors of that lamentable war, no true American could have witnessed the passing of that wonderful procession, forty years after the War, without a sense of national pride, that these old soldiers, like ourselves, are still true to their convictions of the past, and like ourselves, so loyal and true to our government, that the men who wore the blue, and we who wore the gray, were ready, as shown by the recent war with Spain, to offer our sons or bear arms ourselves, in the service of our common country.

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"I might recount to you innumerable incidents of marked courtesy extended to the ex-Confederates if time would permit, but suffice it to say that, during all the time we were in Boston everything was done, and nothing was left undone, to make our stay agreeable and to give assurance that, with the real soldiers of the North, whose guests we had the honor to be, the heroic memories of the War were nobly cherished, but its bitterness was gone forever."

FRUITAGE OF THE "113 IDEA"

This great event was a fitting culmination or fruitage of the "113 idea" held by the Post within ten years of the close of the War and shown when ex-Confederate Veterans were invited to parade and did parade with the Post on Memorial Day, and which blossomed in the enthusiastic public reception of General Joseph Wheeler on Memorial Day, 1899.

To sum up, the visit of our Southern friends was one of the most unique and eventful reunions of the Blue and the Gray ever inaugurated and carried out by any Post of the Grand Army. Its far-reaching effect on the public sentiment of the country no one at this time can fully appreciate.

POST NO. 113 HONORED

Fourteen members held official positions in the Grand Army, outside the Post, during the current year; the list is quite remarkable, viz.: —

On Staff of Commander-in-Chief Black. — Assistant Adjutant-General Comrade Cranmore N. Wallace; Aides-de-Camp Comrades Amidon, Anderson, Blackmar, Houghton, Parker and Stillings.

On Staff of Commander-in-Chief Blackmar. — Assistant Adjutant-

General Comrade Ephraim B. Stillings; Aides-de-Camp Comrades Goodrich, Henry, Hersey, Kendricken and Pierce.

On Staff of Department Commander Field. — Medical Director Comrade Dr. Horace E. Marion; Aides-de-Camp Comrades Anderson and Blackmar.

Council of Department Administration. — Comrade Charles B. Amory.

Representative to National Encampment. — Comrade Ephraim B. Stillings.

RECEPTION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BLACKMAR

Saturday evening, October 4, again awoke the echoes of Faneuil Hall, with Post No. 113 as host, and Comrade, now Commander-in-Chief, Wilmon W. Blackmar the guest of honor. Every G. A. R. Post in the State was invited. Past Commander Goodrich acted as Toast-master, and stirring speeches were made by Governor John L. Bates and others.

General Blackmar expressed his grateful appreciation of the honor conferred in an eloquent and feeling manner. The hall was crowded with Veterans, and the ceremony of "Trooping the Colors" of the Posts present was as always an impressive spectacle.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The evening of November 22 again found the members of "113" and their friends around the well-tried banquet board at Young's, with Commander Graves presiding and Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, Toast-master.

Under the direction of Past Commander Charles Clark Adams, the musical programme proved one of the most delightful and enjoyable ever provided. Eloquent speeches were made by ex-Governor John D. Long, Rev. Edward Cummings and others. Commander-in-Chief Blackmar and Adjutant-General John E. Gilman were present, and the national headquarters colors of the G. A. R. were displayed at the head of the table for the first time in the history of the Post. The occasion well filled out the public and semi-public functions of this remarkable year.

MINOR EVENTS

At the January meeting congratulations were extended to Junior Vice-Commander John G. Butler, on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier-General in the United States Army, after

a service of over forty years. His new appointment necessitated his removal to Washington, and the resignation of his office in the Post soon followed. The vacancy was subsequently filled by the promotion of Surgeon William H. Ruddick, and the choice of Dr. Horace E. Marion as Post Surgeon.

March 9 a delegation visited, by invitation, Charles Ward Post No. 62, Newtonville, and participated in a good old-fashioned Camp Fire.

The principal social occasions were as follows: In April, an interesting story was related by Comrade William H. H. Emmons, Chairman of the Board of Police, of his personal experiences in the army during the Civil War. The Kinsley Quartette furnished the music.

A number of members attended a dinner at Young's the 9th, given in honor of Commander-in-Chief Black by his Staff. Past Department Commander Blackmar of Post No. 113 presided. One of the best things of the evening was the singing of the "Larboard Watch" by Comrade Henry and Past Department Commander Gilman.

A resolution of thanks was adopted at the September meeting appreciative of the gift of the silver Loving Cup presented the Post at the Faneuil Hall reception, August 15, by Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York.

Comrade James S. Barrows, one of the Trustees of the Post and Quartermaster-Sergeant, died July 18, and at the September meeting Comrade William H. Alline was chosen a trustee, and Comrade Augustine Sanderson appointed Quartermaster-Sergeant.

October 1 removed from our fellowship that sweet singer of the Post, Comrade Joseph L. White, who had conducted the musical exercises on Memorial Days and Anniversary occasions for many years.

His kindly ways and social nature made him a general favorite.

"Dear 'Joe,' his memory will long linger."

The eighty-fourth birthday of Comrade Edward J. Jones, the oldest member, was gladdened by congratulatory resolutions and beautiful flowers from the Post.

Inspection by Comrade Amos R. Storer of Post No. 191 was

held at the November meeting, with music by the Kinsley Quartette.

As a prelude to the December meeting, a lunch was served in the banquet hall, and at its close Comrade James R. Wood, Past Commander of Post No. 161, Woburn, entertained those present with a recital of his personal experiences as a Scout connected with the Army Headquarters during the Civil War.

The meetings of the year were unusually well attended and a spirit of harmony and good fellowship was very noticeable.

The death roll included, besides Comrades Barrows and White, Comrades John H. Dee, July 2; Benjamin Noyes, October 17; and Associate Member Jacob Morse.

COMMANDER GEORGE H. GRAVES

Service, Civil War. 8th Vermont Infantry. Signal Corps U. S. A., Sergeant.

The responsibilities of the Commander were naturally much increased by the National Encampment, the candidacy of Comrade Blackmar for Commander-in-Chief and the receptions and courtesies tendered our Southern guests and the Lafayettes.

The details of the year sufficiently indicate the strength of the executive force required to carry through with such marked success every feature attempted.

Commander Graves represented the Post throughout, in a dignified and efficient manner. The jewel of great price to any organization — harmony — was assiduously cultivated, and all must have rejoiced in the result.

Nineteen hundred four was indeed high-water mark for Post No. 113. The administration was fortunate in the line of events which the circumstances of the year produced, and it had the ability and willingness to master all requirements.

CHAPTER XL

Nineteen Hundred Five

Reception of the Colors. The Tender-heartedness of President McKinley. An Unwritten Incident. Memorial Day Services. Ex-Governor John L. Bates, Orator. Lieutenant-General A. B. Chaffee, U. S. Army. Commander-in-Chief Blackmar at Rest. Thirty-sixth Anniversary. Comrade Blackmar and Post No. 113. The Post Home. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Ephraim B. Stillings.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, WILLIAM M. OLIN, ASSISTED BY PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOHN E. GILMAN

Commander	Ephraim B. Stillings.
Senior Vice-Commander	Charles B. Amory.
Junior Vice-Commander	William H. Ruddick.
Adjutant	George A. Sawin.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Dr. Horace E. Marion.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	George E. Henry.
Officer of the Guard	Benjamin H. Ticknor.
Sergeant-Major	Frank P. Moss.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	John C. Cook, Ch., Augustine Sanderson and John C. Watson.
Trustees of Post	Charles C. Adams, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker and William H. Alline.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Wilmon W. Blackmar, Ch., Albert W. Hersey and Ira B. Goodrich.

RECEPTION OF COLORS

THE January meeting was opened with the ceremony of reception of the Colors, the first time this was performed in Post No. 113. It proved a very effective and pleasing addition to the ritualistic form.

EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS
Post Commander, 1905
Adjutant-General G.A.R., 1910, 1911-

"The old flags! For the battles they fought, for the memories of the heroes whom they led to sacrifice, for the noble deeds done by them and by the soldiers bleeding beneath their wavings, never shall we cease to love them, never shall we cease to honor them."

—Comrade Archbishop Ireland, *from Address on Return of the Flags to Minnesota.*

There were seventy-two members and fifteen visiting Comrades in attendance, and the new board of officers were speeded on their way with hearty good-will.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Sunday, May 29, the Post attended services at the Second Church. Rev. Thomas Van Ness and Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton officiated.

Memorial Day, the 30th, was generally celebrated with unusual patriotic fervor. Post No. 113 left nothing undone. After decorating the graves of one hundred eighty-two Comrades in eighteen cemeteries, located in eight different States, together with the grave of former ex-Confederate John Buck, to whose remains the Post had given a soldier's burial, and honoring the statues and tablets, the impressive ceremonies at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common, and at Tremont Temple, were beautifully rendered.

Commander-in-Chief Blackmar gracefully introduced the orator of the day, ex-Governor John L. Bates, who delivered in a dramatic and forceful manner one of the most patriotic and soul-inspiring addresses ever listened to by the Post. With the grace of cultured oratory, he depicted in a masterly word painting his conception of a Memorial building in Boston, above whose portals should be inscribed, "To the immortals who saved the Union." Seldom, if ever, has a speaker so moved and electrified an audience on such an occasion. The thousands crowding the Temple were again and again thrown into ecstasies of long-continued applause. No one who was present will ever forget the scene. The Oration was subsequently published by the Post, from which the peroration is herewith quoted: —

"*Veterans:* Your work has not been unappreciated. There is hardly a community in the Northland that has not endeavored to show its gratitude by the erection of some memorial of granite or of bronze. The nation has opened its treasury and paid out thousands of millions

to keep the Veteran and his widow from want. States and towns have added their contribution to those of the nation. There is no American community to-day but what would regard itself as forever deeply disgraced, if a Union soldier suffered in its midst for the necessities or comforts of life. But this is not all. A debt contracted in human blood cannot be repaid in dollars and cents, though they be piled as high as the heavens. Gratitude calls for something more. There must be provision 'lest we forget,' and the memory of the veterans pass away and the lesson of patriotism be lost. And so the American people with one accord takes a day from its busy life each year and dedicates it to its heroes, the living and the dead, and there is no memorial in all history so significant as is this day 'when memory plays an old tune on the heart,' as throughout the land the muffled drum, the gathering crowd, the silent tear and the scattered flowers remind us that 'it is not all of life to live nor all of death to die.'

"One thing yet remains to be done in this great city. We have a home on the hilltop for the worn-out soldier alone in the world, where he watches the setting sun on the distant horizon. We have hospitals to which he can go when disease or accident overtakes the form that shields his indomitable soul, and in some few cases the city has provided quarters where a Grand Army Post for a nominal expense can meet, but in this great city the boys in blue have no headquarters to which they can regularly resort for rest, or for comfort, or for fraternal sympathy, or where they can congregate and live over again the war and 'shouldering a crutch, show how battles are lost and won.' There is no soldier's club house with a parlor and a library and a kitchen, and all the connecting links between and the comforts they imply; no soldier's temple hung with the sacred relics of the great conflict, relics of which there are many now that might be gathered and preserved for coming generations to revere; no soldiers' memorial hall where the people may come together and hear the stories of the war again and discuss the questions that concern the republic. Boston has her Old North and Old South Church and her Old State House — priceless temple of her early days and particularly associated with her Revolutionary struggle. Her Faneuil Hall was the cradle of liberty. But the history of Boston was not concluded with the ending of the Revolution. She is not all old. Where is her public building that tells of her participation in that greatest of all conflicts, the War for the Union? The State has made of marble and gold a hall for the flags, but where is Boston's Memorial Hall? In the name of the Veterans and the coming generations, I direct the attention of the city to this matter. Let us have, as Chicago has, a memorial building that in breadth and height and beauty of construction shall represent Boston's part in the great contest. No city did so much to make the war inevitable, no city did more to make victory sure. Let this building be the Mecca of Pilgrims. Let it be the gathering place for the Veterans' organizations and the patriotic societies that shall be their successors when the Veterans shall meet no more; let it be a treasure-house

wherein may be stored the priceless relics and the souvenirs and the records of the soldiers for the Union; let its hall be ever open to the discussion of the problems affecting the welfare of men, and may its atmosphere be that of a devoted patriotism, and to that end let its walls tell the story of the war. Picture there the beginning of the struggle; John Quincy Adams defending the right of petition; Wendell Phillips proclaiming the rights of man; Charles Sumner championing the cause of the oppressed; William Lloyd Garrison with his 'I will not retract and I will be heard.' Picture there Lincoln welcoming the Sixth Massachusetts — the first regiment to appear for the defence of the nation's capital. Picture the story of the soldier's departure and the aching of hearts, if you will, until as one look she shall hear: —

> "'The sound of the lone sentry's tread,
> As he tramps from the rocks to the fountain,
> And thinks of the two in the low trundle bed,
> Far away in the cot on the mountain.'

"Picture the horror as well as the glory; how men preferred 'death rather than dishonor,' how they suffered in Libby Prison and Andersonville.

"Over there, if you will, paint Chancellorsville, where hope fled, but opposite paint Gettysburg where hope returned, as for three long days, you, Veterans, held the 'Thermopylæ Pass of American History.'

"Show with all the skill of the artist the matchless manner in which the Union Army burrowed its way up the height of Vicksburg until, when the surrender came and the men arose on their earthworks, the two armies found themselves within a handshaking distance of each other.

"Picture Farragut lashed in the rigging amid smoke and fire, and the *Monitor* that saved the Union Navy and changed the character of naval warfare for all time.

"Picture the clouds and the mountain and Hooker's brave boys hurling traitors from old Lookout.

"Picture Missionary Ridge and mark the flash of the guns as the signal is given and the line of blue sweeps irresistibly up the hill!

"Picture a river of flashing steel sixty miles wide: 'Tis Sherman with his 70,000 Northern bayonets marching from Atlanta to the sea.

"Paint Kearney, his sabre flashing from his only remaining arm, as he dashes by and drops the bridle rein from his teeth that he may shout: 'Rush in anywhere, boys, there is lovely fighting all along the line.'

"Paint Sheridan on his famous ride and Grant thundering away in the wilderness in the land of the jungle and the ooze while the telegraph clicks off to the North the welcome message: 'I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.'

"Paint Richmond invested by an army it could not shake off, and, oh, painter, paint again and place above that proud rebel capitol the stars and stripes, and on the other side place Appomattox, and show

the boys in blue sharing their rations with the boys in gray; and then paint the picture of a moving host, battle-scarred and tempest-riven, flags and banners waving, bayonets and sabres flashing, until we shall hear again the ringing of the bells in the steeples and the booming of the guns for joy and the shouts of the North, and the tramp, tramp, tramp of the great host as 300,000 veteran victorious flag defenders pass in review.

"And on one side of the gateway to this temple let there be carved in the rock the words of Webster: 'Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable.' And on the other side we will cut the words of the martyred President: —

"'With malice toward none, with charity for all, let us do the right as God gives us to see the right.' And finally, above the portals we will put the words: 'To the dead.' No! 'To the immortals who saved the Union.'

"For dare ye call that dying — that dignity sublime
Which gains a furlough from the grave and then reports to time?
Doth the earth give up the daisies to a little sun and rain,
And keep at their feet the heroes while weary ages wane?
Sling up thy trumpet, Israel, sweet bugler of our God!
For nothing waits thy summons beneath the broken sod:
For the deadest of these heroes has as silently rent the clod
As the cloud bursts into flower when the sun shines o'er the bar,
Or heaven breaks out of the blue and comes out star by star;
They march abreast of the ages, with the thunder on the right,
For they bade the world 'good morning' when the world had said
'good night.'"

DINNER

An informal reception and dinner at Young's in the afternoon, with Commander Stillings presiding and Adjutant-General Gilman of the G. A. R. as Toast-master, was the order. The Orator of the day, ex-Governor Bates, was present and made a pleasant speech. Upon its conclusion he was unanimously elected an Honorary Life Associate Member and invested with the beautiful gold badge of an Associate by Commander-in-Chief Blackmar. Speeches were also made by others, and the day ended in a happy and satisfactory manner.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CHAFFEE

An unexpected though greatly appreciated honor occurred on the evening of June 21. Lieutenant-General A. B. Chaffee, commanding the U. S. Army, on a visit at Tufts College to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, was by the courtesy of Rev. Dr. Hamilton, the acting president, escorted

to Post No. 113 Headquarters. After an informal reception, at which all took him by the hand, he sat down with the members at "Soldier's rations"; afterwards, he gave a deeply interesting talk upon his experiences and impressions during his service in the China campaign in connection with the Boxer uprising. He spoke freely and unreservedly, knowing his words were addressed to former Comrades in arms, who would appreciate his confidence and thoroughly enjoy his narrative.

AN UNWRITTEN INCIDENT OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY

This visit of General Chaffee brought out a most remarkable incident, worthy of perpetuation, as a matter of unwritten history and illustrating the tender-heartedness of President McKinley and the depth of our democratic institutions underlying the highest civil and military officers of the government of the United States.

Henry, a son of Commander Stillings, became a member of the 9th U. S. Infantry, and with his regiment was sent to China during the Boxer troubles. The commander of the U. S. troops serving there was General Chaffee. At the battle of Tientsin, Henry was wounded. This fact was announced by cable but without particulars. Commander Stillings was of course deeply solicitous for the fate of his son, but upon inquiry learned that it was impossible to get a despatch through to China and receive a reply; he was informed that the only way to obtain help was through the government. President McKinley was then at Canton, Ohio.

His secretary, Mr. Cortelyou, was then written to and the facts stated; a telegram in reply said that the President had directed the Secretary of War to ascertain Henry's condition, and report directly to Commander Stillings. In about ten days, General Corbin telegraphed that he received a cablegram from General Chaffee, who had found Henry, and that he was slightly wounded in the right hand and was on board the *Solace* bound for Nagasaki.

It may well be doubted if a like event ever occurred: The circumstance of the government of the United States using its great powers at the request of a private citizen where only a private soldier of the U. S. Army was the subject, and at a time when public business was so urgent.

The young soldier, Henry, was subsequently discharged by reason of his wound and made a Life Honorary Associate Member of the Post. He was present and presented to General Chaffee upon this visit to the Post, and the meeting of the former private and the General of his army was most pathetically interesting.

Lieutenant-General Chaffee, like his predecessor, Lieutenant-General Miles, commenced his military service as a volunteer during the Civil War; entering the Regular Army later, he rose to the highest rank by distinguished ability and bravery. It was a rare occasion and one long to cherish in memory.

COMRADE BLACKMAR ENTERS THE UNIVERSAL ENCAMPMENT

"I hold the world but as the world, Gratiano;
A stage, where every man must play a part."

Sunday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock, July 16, Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, while visiting the Grand Army Department of Idaho, was mustered out of life's service on earth at Boise, Idaho, to enter that universal Encampment, whither all Comrades of the organization rapidly tend.

The announcement of his demise, though sudden, was not wholly unexpected, as it was generally felt by those near him that his strength was impaired and the attempt he was making to visit every Department of the Grand Army in the United States during his year of office, was realized as being too great a strain upon his vital forces. Nevertheless, it came as a shock to the great mass of Comrades throughout the country, and especially to the thousands who had so recently met him at the great Encampments and receptions he had attended in many of the Departments.

He was taken "On duty" and as he wished it. Commander Stillings and Chaplain Horton met the remains at Chicago and rendered all assistance possible to Mrs. Blackmar, who with her sister, Miss Brewer, had accompanied the General on this trip as they had previously done on others.

At Boise, Philip Sheridan Post acted as a guard of honor, while the body lay in state, and escorted it to the station.

En route to Chicago, day and night, Comrades boarded the train and left floral tributes. At Chicago, the body lay in state in the beautiful Memorial building. At Buffalo and Albany,

Comrades were present with messages of sympathy and set floral pieces. On arrival at Boston, his remains were taken in charge by Post No. 113, and tenderly guarded until placed in their final resting place at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.

Commander-in-Chief John R. King, who succeeded General Blackmar, with many other distinguished Grand Army men and about twenty-five hundred Veterans of local Posts, took part in the obsequies. The ceremonials were solemn and stately and made a deep impression on the public mind.

GENERAL BLACKMAR AND POST NO. 113

In 1869, young Blackmar was just starting in his professional career in Boston. Unmarried and without any affiliations with other societies than the Grand Army, he cast in his lot with the new organization at its first meeting, bringing to it the enthusiasm of youth, with the maturity of a veteran soldier.

The Post was his club, his recreation, his social centre. He was attracted, naturally, toward his Comrades of the War; it was then a fresh remembrance and all his mind and energies, aside from his profession, were centred on the new Post of which he had been chosen the first Commander.

In the dark and dubious days of the decline of the Grand Army organization, he clung to the Post and only once lost hope and suggested surrendering the charter and forming a Veteran's Club, but as a majority decided otherwise, he continued working for his beloved Post and lived to see and enjoy its great subsequent prosperity. His methods of advocating any matter upon which there was a difference of opinion, was aggressive yet always conciliatory; to this fact much of his influence and success in directing the policies of the Post must be ascribed. From first to last he was most relied upon to speak for the Post on all social and public occasions. Without doubt, Comrade Blackmar was one of the most popular Commanders-in-Chief who have filled that office, and his large acquaintance with Veterans of so many departments has reflected great honor upon Post No. 113, and brought it more prominently into notice than ever was the case before. A sketch of General Blackmar's life and services in connection with the Grand Army, and an account of the funeral obsequies in his memory, are given in Chapter IV of this work.

October 20, Past Commander Charles Clark Adams joined his Chief in the Encampment above. A large number of the Post attended his funeral.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday evening, November 22, brought another Anniversary banquet, which was celebrated with fervor at Young's. The attendance was unusually large; the members, associates and guests numbered one hundred seventy-seven. Commander-in-Chief King and many notable gentlemen were present.

Commander Stillings presided and Comrade Associate Member William M. Olin was Toast-master. The music was furnished by Dagget's orchestra, the Schubert Quartette and "Olin's Gang."

The speaking was both witty and grave. Comrade Olin fairly outdid himself. Bright and eloquent speeches were made by Commander-in-Chief King, Adjutant-General Tweedale, Department Commander Wolff, Department Senior Vice-Commander Bradley, ex-Attorney General Herbert Parker, Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton and others. It was a grand and glorious occasion.

THE POST HOME

The really most important matter that came before the Post this year was the subject of securing new headquarters; one that would be in keeping with the standing and reputation of Post No. 113, and at the same time furnish the "Home" so long and ardently sought. After much consideration apartments were leased in the new Ford building, in process of construction, corner of Bowdoin Street and Ashburton Place, adjacent to the State House and grounds.

MINOR EVENTS

At the January meeting appropriate resolutions were adopted, complimentary to Comrade Bruerton, who retired from office as Post Adjutant, after six years of most acceptable service.

A pleasant visit of thirty-eight Comrades, thirteen being Post Commanders, enlivened the March meeting. Comrade George E. Mitchell exhibited the flag, taken from the capitol at Rich-

mond, Va., at the time of its capture in 1865, and gave an account of its history.

May 29, a large number of the members, with their ladies, attended Hollis Street Theatre at the opening performance of a new play dramatized by Mr. Ira B. Goodrich, Jr., which was much enjoyed.

August 30, Comrade John B. Lewis, Jr., entertained the members at his residence in Reading, upon the occasion of his sixty-fourth birthday.

Commander Ditmus of Robert A. Bell Post No. 134, the only colored Post in the Department, was present at the September meeting and made interesting remarks relative to certain events in the Petersburg campaign. Several members of the Post recalled meeting him at the "Crater."

Comrade Edward J. Jones gave an amusing reminiscence of the war relative to his buying a negro boy for twenty-five cents, who came north after the War and finally became a Baptist minister.

A donation was made by the Post in aid of the erection of a monument to General Fitzhugh Lee in Richmond, Va.

The Post inspection by Comrade Henry S. Treadwell was made in October.

In December, members of the Post attended the unveiling and presentation of a memorial to General Stevenson, in the State House. The following Comrades very acceptably entertained the members at the meetings during the year; viz.: Davis W. Howard, lecture and stereopticon on "Sheridan's Campaign against Early in the Shenandoah Valley in 1864." Rev. Edward Anderson, in his inimitable manner, related experiences in his recent trip to Ireland. John B. Lewis, Jr., made an address on the "Wrongs of Women in India and Japan." Edward J. Jones read a lengthy paper on the "Capture of Richmond, Va."

TWO PAST COMMANDERS

Wilmon W. Blackmar and Charles Clark Adams, together with Comrades Andrew M. Benson, March 19, and Hiram Whittington, January 31, and Associates Mayor Patrick A. Collins and Captain Elijah H. Goodwin were called Home this year.

The number of active members was one hundred twenty-eight and Associates eighty-five, the largest number of each class reached by the Post.

COMMANDER EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS

Service — Civil War. 46th Mass. Infantry. 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery.

Commander Stillings was noted for making the most of each occasion presented. His remarkable activity for the Post's interests was never before equalled; and in the few public occasions that occurred, his individuality and executive ability were fully shown.

The ceremonies attending the obsequies of Commander-in-Chief Blackmar were not only planned but executed with fulness of detail, dignified simplicity and precision unsurpassed. Of Comrade Stillings, it can be truly said, he was above all others the Fidus Achates of Comrade Blackmar. But the really most important and enduring result of his labors was in uniting the Post upon securing new headquarters in the Ford building. Like the Children of Israel in the wilderness, the Post had wandered from place to place many, many years, seeking a home but without finding the promised land. In Commander Stillings the Post discovered its Moses. It was his fertile brain that conceived the present possibility of achieving a "Post Home"; that negotiated and made the arrangements; that planned and brought to success the guarantees of the large rental for the full term of the first lease and finally made the long-cherished desire a reality.

To accomplish all this was no easy task; the "Fear Habit" had held sway in the Post too long on this subject. Yet, by unstinted expenditure of time, labor and enthusiasm all obstacles were overcome. Owing to unexpected delays in the completion of the building, Commander Stillings' official term expired before the new quarters were ready for occupancy. As Moses saw the beautiful home of Israel from Pisgah's top but was not permitted to enter the promised land, so likewise did Commander Stillings witness the haven of rest to which he had brought the Post but which he did not officially enter.

His services as Adjutant-General of the Grand Army in 1911 brought to the National organization a practical business system,

promoting correctness, promptness and general efficiency. One has but to examine the Journal of the Forty-fifth National Encampment, with its carefully reported and excellently digested subject matter, to imagine — though not realize — the great work done by him in said office.

This Journal of 1911 will long stand as a model of thorough editing, superior arrangement and typography.

"Our deeds still travel with us from afar,
And what we have been makes us what we are."

CHAPTER XLI

Nineteen Hundred Six

The New Headquarters. "Blackmar Hall." Death of General Joseph Wheeler. Obsequies and Press Notices of Respect. Death of Major Edward J. Jones. Obsequies and Appreciative Tribute. Colonel John S. Mosby. Memorial Observances. Ex-Governor John D. Long Orator. Reception of Baptist Social Union. Death of General Edmund Rice. Obsequies and Press Notices of Distinguished Services. Death of Past Commander Captain Nathan Appleton. Anniversary at Young's. Dedication of Tufts Memorial Tablet. Mrs. Blackmar Honored. Minor Events.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER J. PAYSON BRADLEY

Commander	William H. Ruddick.
Senior Vice-Commander	George E. Mitchell.
Junior Vice-Commander	Frank P. Moss.
Adjutant	Peter J. Rooney.
	(Ira B. Goodrich, vice Rooney resigned.)
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Dr. Horace E. Marion.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Officer of the Day	George E. Savory.
Officer of the Guard	Benjamin H. Ticknor.
Sergeant-Major	Augustus C. Jordan.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	John C. Cook, Ch., Augustine Sanderson, Ephraim B. Stillings.
Trustees of Post	Bowdoin S. Parker, Ch., Charles B. Amory. William H. Alline.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Albert W. Hersey, Ch., Ira B. Goodrich, James Bruerton.

WILLIAM H. RUDDICK. M.D.
Post Commander, 1906 and 1907

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS

THE important opening event of the year was the removal of the Post headquarters from the Odd Fellows building to the new Ford building, corner of Bowdoin Street and Ashburton Place, February 1. The "Home" consisted of a large corner room on the fifth floor, looking out on the State House Park, which had been specially fitted up for the purposes of the Post. The furnishings were newly purchased and tastefully arranged for convenience and comfort. Many handsome pictures, articles of virtu, books, etc. were generously donated by members and friends, so that the apartments really embodied the idea of a combined Post, society, club and home quarters, convenient of access and always open for the use of members and associates. For Post meetings excellent accommodations were provided in one of the large halls, and dining facilities were conveniently arranged. The "Home" proper was appropriately named "Blackmar Hall," in honor of the first Commander.

The first meeting in the Ford building was held February 14, in Kingsley Hall, preceded by a family supper, at which the new officers extended the "Glad Hand" to a large and enthusiastic company.

DEATH OF GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER

When the wire announced that our Honorary Life Associate Member, General Joseph Wheeler, was no more of earth, every Comrade of Post No. 113 realized that they had lost an esteemed and loyal friend. There was something in the personality of General Wheeler that attracted every one with whom he came in contact. His simplicity and modesty were most fascinating; the more one saw of him, the greater the admiration experienced for his honest-hearted manliness and worth. No other person ever met with such unaffected cordiality from Boston's public as that exhibited towards him as he stood on the stage of Boston Theatre upon Memorial Day, 1899. It was a wonderful event for him and for Post No. 113. His subsequent visit to the city, and presence at the Anniversary banquet the following year, will never be forgotten by those privileged to again take him by the hand and later hear the tender words that fell so heartily from his lips.

His death occurred January 25 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Immediately upon the receipt of the intelligence, the Funeral Committee of the Post, by direction of the Commander, forwarded a Memorial Flag accompanied by the following letter of condolence: —

"Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. Headquarters Odd Fellows Building, No. 515 Tremont Street.

"Boston, January 26, 1906.

"Mrs. Sterling Smith.

"*Madam:* —

"In behalf of the Officers and members of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, I herewith enclose our Memorial Flag, in loving token of the memory of General Joseph Wheeler, who was an Honorary Life Associate Member of the Post.

"A few years since, General Wheeler honored our Memorial Day services, held in Boston Theater, by a notable address which touched our hearts and made a profound impression upon all our citizens. His presence here for several days, with two of his daughters, as guests of the Post, was an occasion we shall always recall with great pleasure. It is with a feeling of personal sadness that we learned of his decease.

"His services as a brave Soldier and distinguished Statesman, his personal character and broad sympathies, make his death a distinct loss to the Nation.

"We extend our heartfelt condolence to you, to his family and expecially to his daughters, whose acquaintance we made upon their visit in Boston, and beg that our Memorial for him may be accepted as a memento of our great esteem and love.

"Respectfully your obedient servant,

"Bowdoin S. Parker.

"*Chairman, Funeral Committee of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, Boston.*"

Mrs. Smith's reply: —

"Mr. Bowdoin S. Parker.

"*Dear Sir:* —

"The beautiful silk Flag was received and placed over my brother's picture while in my home. Then it was taken to Washington by his daughters. We all appreciate it so much, also the kind sympathetic letter that accompanied it. Please accept our thanks and be sure your Memorial Flag will always be valued by General Wheeler's children.

"Yours truly,

"L. J. Smith.

"Mrs. Sterling Smith, 173 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 15, 1906."

Subsequently, the following letter was received by the Post from General Wheeler's daughter: —

"WASHINGTON, D. C.

"General Wheeler's children wish to express to the officers and members of Edward W. Kinsley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Boston, their earnest appreciation of their Memorial Flag, the beautiful and impressive tribute to their father.

"They are deeply grateful for the sympathy of the Post conveyed to them through Mr. Parker's letter. The handsome sword presented to him by Post 113, was borne by the riderless horse in his last march and will always be cherished by his children.

"LUCY L. WHEELER."

GENERAL WHEELER'S FUNERAL

Sunday, January 28, the body of the soldier of three wars, wrapped in the flags under which he had served with almost equal distinction, — the Stars and Stripes and the Stars and Bars — was given full military honors as his remains were escorted to their last resting-place. The procession commenced at the home of General Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, on Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y., where the General died.

Shortly after 1 o'clock, the funeral cortege crossed the Brooklyn Bridge to the New York side; here, the 71st Regiment, N. Y. N. G., in full dress uniform, was drawn up. This regiment served under General Wheeler in Cuba, and was given the post of honor in the escort. Infantry from Governor's Island, headquarters of the East, United States Army, also joined the procession. Veterans of the Southern and Northern armies mingled with the younger Veterans of the Cuban and Philippine campaigns of 1898 and 1899 in paying tribute to General Wheeler.

The route of the cortege was lined with great crowds as the solemn procession, to the beat of muffled drums and strains of funeral marches, passed by to St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Fifth Avenue. The church was thronged. Seats had been reserved for members of the Southern society, the Confederate Veteran Association, the Society of the War of 1812, and other organizations, the personal friends of the family, the honorary pall-bearers, the staff of General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. Army, and the officers of the escort.

The altar was almost hidden beneath the floral offerings, among them a great wreath sent by President Roosevelt.

The brief services were conducted by the Rev. Ernest Stires, rector of the church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix. The honorary pall-bearers were Colonel J. J. Astor, R. T. Wilson, Fitch Smith, Dr. John Wyeth, John McKesson, S. R. Bertron, Dr. William M. Polk, Commander Parker, U. S. Navy, Archer Huntington, General J. H. Wilson, General Kent, Senator Clark, of Montana, Charles S. Fairchild, General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army, retired, General Stewart L. Woodford, Dr. R. Ogden Doremus and Dr. Parrius.

From the church the body was escorted across the North River to Jersey City, where train was taken for Washington, D. C.

Early the next morning the remains were conveyed to St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington, there lying in state. At two o'clock, after brief services, the body was escorted to the National Cemetery at Arlington by the following U. S. troops, — a battalion of the Engineer Corps; a squadron of Cavalry and all the Artillery troops stationed at Fort Myer, where the final obsequies were performed; and all that was mortal of him who had braved death on numberless battle-fields was laid peacefully at rest.

"And the lights are out,
The dead are sleeping on the hills,
And in the vales they sleep,
And await the reveille
That calls no more to war,
But to eternal peace."

AN EPITOME OF MAJOR-GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER'S LIFE

1836 — Born, September 10.

1858 — Graduated, West Point.

1861–1865 — In Civil War on Confederate side, rising to rank of Major-General and participating in 1000 fights.

1865–1880 — Studied and practised law in order to retrieve his shattered fortunes.

1882–1896 — In Congress from eighth district of Alabama.

1898 — Enlisted in the Spanish-American War, being commissioned Major-General of Volunteers, May 4. Was senior officer in immediate command on the field of San Juan, July 1 and 2.

1899 — In command of camp at Montauk Point. Commissioned Brigadier-General, U. S. Army.

1900 — Commanded brigade of the Eighth Army Corps in the Philippines.

1906 — Died January 25, at Brooklyn, N.Y. Interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

PRESS NOTICES

The daily press gave much space to notices of General Wheeler's death and columns in extended sketches of his eventful and remarkable career. A few extracts will indicate the public interest manifested.

From the *Boston Post* of January 25:—

Hero of Three Wars

"General Joseph Wheeler, the famous Confederate cavalry leader, and a Brigadier-General of the United States army since the war with Spain, died at 5.35 o'clock this afternoon from pneumonia at the home of his sister in Brooklyn. The Veteran of two wars was sixty-nine years old, but in spite of his age there was hope until yesterday of his recovery.

Gallant Soldier who gave Three of his Children to their Country's Service

"General Joseph Wheeler, 'Fighting Joe,' was born in Augusta, Ga., on September 10, 1836. His ancestors were English, his parents one of the first families of Georgia.

"His education included courses at Seabury College, in Connecticut, and other schools in New England and New York.

"In 1854 he secured the appointment as cadet to the military academy at West Point. He was graduated with a good record, received the rank of Lieutenant of Cavalry, and soon after was ordered to New Mexico and then to Kansas.

In the Civil War

"Then came the Civil War, and Lieutenant Wheeler despatched to Washington the resignation of his commission in the regular army and hurried back to Georgia.

"He was soon riding post-haste for Pensacola, Fla., a first lieutenant's commission in the Confederate army in his pocket, the blue uniform exchanged for the gray.

"He was offered a colonel's commission in an Alabama infantry regiment and promptly accepted it.

"One of his earliest fights came very near being his last. He and his regiment were at Shiloh, and the losses were heavy. In this charge he had two horses shot under him. Before he got through with the battles of the South, sixteen of his chargers had been killed while he was astride them.

"In October, 1862, he was made Brigadier-General, and in January, 1863, he was made a Major-General.

"Besides being in over eight hundred skirmishes, General Wheeler commanded in more than two hundred battles, many of which, considering the numbers engaged, were among the most severe and successful recorded in the history of cavalry.

"During the War no fewer than thirty-two of his staff officers were killed or wounded while riding beside him in battle. He was wounded three times slightly and once painfully, and his saddle equipments and clothes were frequently struck by missiles.

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In Time of Peace

"When the end came and Lee laid down his arms, General Wheeler found himself practically a wanderer, a poor man, without a calling. It was then that he took up the study of law, and making his home in Wheeler, Lawrence County, Ala., set to work to restore his shattered fortunes.

"Early in the 80's Wheeler was elected to Congress from the eighth district of Alabama, and was several times reëlected.

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In Command in Cuba

"He was commissioned Major-General of Volunteers on May 4, and with the appointment President McKinley placed in his charge the cavalry division of the army then forming for Cuba.

"The stories told of him as the result of the Cuban campaign would fill a book.

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Surrender of Santiago

"General Wheeler had only nine hundred men under his command, when, on June 24, he fought Lieutenant-General Linares at Las Guasimas, while the enemy consisted of more than two thousand regular Spanish troops, but the victory was decisive. At the battle of San Juan, July 1 and 2, he was the senior officer in immediate command on the field, and was senior member of the commission which negotiated the surrender of Santiago and 23,000 Spanish soldiers.

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Brigadier in the Philippines

"In August of 1900 he was given command of the First Brigade, Second Division, Eighth Army Corps, in the Philippines. His service in our new possessions won him fresh laurels, for he revelled in the guerilla style of warfare.

"One of General Wheeler's most cherished possessions was the

sword which was given him by the Grand Army Veterans of Post No. 113 of Boston. He was the first Confederate Veteran to be invited by a Northern G. A. R. Post to be its orator on Memorial Day."

From the *Boston Evening Record:* —

"General Joseph Wheeler's loss comes closest home here to Kinsley G. A. R. Post No. 113, of which he was an Honorary Life Associate Member. This Post was the first to recognize Confederate Veterans and extend the hand of brotherly love to them.

"The special mourning flag of the Post, on gold and black, similar to that used in the regular army, was sent on and had a place on the casket.

"The story of the Spanish War his Comrades of both wars liked best to tell was when the army of Santiago started for that fight, and he insisted on being carried in a litter to the front.

"On the way he gave up his litter to a wounded soldier, mounted a horse, and away he went to the firing line, — where he was so strung up when the Spaniards broke and ran that he yelled: 'The damned Yankees — I mean Spaniards — are on the run! Give it to 'em, boys!' And the Yankees cheered him."

From the *Boston Herald:* —

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOSEPH WHEELER IS DEAD

Retired Soldier, Statesman and Author succumbs to Pneumonia at Brooklyn, N. Y., after a short illness

"General Wheeler was born in Augusta, Ga., September 10, 1836. His ancestors, both in this country and in England, were of the highest respectability. . . . In 1854 he was appointed a cadet to the military academy at West Point. In 1859 he was graduated as Lieutenant of Cavalry, and served in various Indian scouting expeditions.

"At the outbreak of the Civil War he resigned his commission in the army, returned to his native state, accepted a first lieutenant's commission in the artillery of the confederacy and was assigned to garrison duty at Pensacola. A few months later he received a colonel's commission in an Alabama infantry regiment. At the battle of Shiloh the regiment and its commander distinguished themselves.

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"In October, 1862, he was made Brigadier-General, and in January, 1863, he was made a Major-General. His military record was one of the brightest. He was in the battle of Shiloh, and Farmington, Miss., the fights around Corinth, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, the siege of Knoxville, Ringgold, Rocky Face, Dalton, Resaca, Cassville, New Hope, battles around Kenesaw Mountain, battle of Peach Tree Creek, Decatur, battles around Atlanta, siege of Savannah, battles of Averysboro and Bentonville. Besides being in over eight hundred

skirmishes, General Wheeler commanded in more than two hundred battles.

Studied Law and Elected to Congress

"After the War, General Wheeler studied law and set to work to restore his shattered fortunes. He made his home at Wheeler, Lawrence County, Ala., where he soon built up a lucrative practice. In 1882 he was elected a member of Congress, and was returned at each election until 1900. In 1898 he was honored by receiving the unanimous nominations of all factions in the district.

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"Undoubtedly General Wheeler was a powerful instrument in winning for American arms the lustre of the triumph at Santiago. He was associated intimately with General Shafter in planning the impetuous movement, which innumerable obstacles did not prevent from accomplishing its purpose in compelling the surrender of Spanish troops, twice as many as were contained in our army actually engaged. It was three weeks only from the time of the landing of the American force to the completely victorious conclusion of the undertaking.

"After the Cuban campaign, General Wheeler was sent to the aid of General Otis in the Philippines, where he was characteristically active and useful until the organized rebellion had dwindled to a guerilla warfare. On November 28, 1899, he tendered his resignation as an officer in the volunteer forces of the United States. He was shortly after made a Major-General of Volunteers. In June, 1900, he was commissioned as a Brigadier-General in the regular army and retired on the following September. He returned to Alabama and was unanimously renominated for Congress and received the votes of all the political factions of his district, this being his tenth election to the Congress of the United States.

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"The degree of LL.D. was conferred on General Wheeler by Georgetown College in June, 1899. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of Foreign Wars, the Society of Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Sons of the War of 1812, the Society of Santiago and the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War; regent Smithsonian Institution, 1886 to 1900; member of the board of visitors to the military academy, 1887, 1893, and 1895; was vice-president of the board in 1887 and president of the board in 1895.

Was Loved in Boston

"The news of the death of General Joseph Wheeler will be felt by many in this city who had the pleasure of meeting him personally during his visits to Boston. Thousands recall the splendid reception accorded him by the citizens of Boston when as the special guest of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., he delivered the Memorial Day address

in the Boston Theatre in 1899. General Wheeler was accompanied to Boston on his first visit in 1899 by his two charming daughters, the Misses Annie and Carrie Wheeler, who were given a most hospitable reception and shared the honors with their illustrious father."

The name of General "Joe" Wheeler is,—

"One of the few, the immortal names,
That were not born to die."

THE OLDEST MEMBER IS CALLED

Comrade Edward J. Jones, who had well advanced beyond fourscore years, was called to rest, April 15.

He attended the last meeting of the Post held in March in apparently full health and vigor, taking an active part in the discussions of the business before the Post. He had been one of the most constant attendants for years and had often addressed the Post on various reminiscences of the War and upon other subjects. He loved the Post dearly and was beloved and respected by every member.

His funeral was held in the First Baptist Church, Boston, and was largely attended by Comrades, delegations from organizations of which he was a member and his many friends.

The arrangements were in charge of Post No. 113, and the full G. A. R. service was finely rendered by Commander Ruddick, the Chaplain and Comrades who took part. Three clergymen assisted in the Church service, and each delivered a remarkable eulogy upon his personal worth and character. He was an upright man, a good citizen, a brave soldier and a Comrade without reproach.

"Years follow years, something every day;
At last they steal us from ourselves away."

The following extract from an appreciative tribute written by Colonel Edward H. Haskell, for the Baptist Social Union, Boston, is worthy of perpetuation in this history: —

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"Major Jones was born October 15, 1820, and was educated in the public schools of Boston, graduating from the Eliot Grammar School. He immediately prepared himself for the study of law, and, after a thorough course, finished his studies, and qualified himself for his profession, passing the necessary examination in 1858.

"At the outbreak of the Civil War he volunteered his services, raised one of the most effective batteries of the Union Army, and distinguished himself on several of the most important battle-fields, receiving special recognition in general orders, 'for conspicuous gallantry' at the battle of Fort Stedman. On his return to Boston, he rendered most valuable service to his country and State during the draft riots of July, 1863. At the close of the War he was appointed Chief of the State Police by Governor Bullock, rendering important and timely services to his native city. Soon after the organization of the Board of Police Commissioners, he was appointed to its membership by Mayor Prince, who always held him in the highest esteem. He was honored by his fellow-citizens of Boston, in being several times elected to represent them in the State Legislature. In the earlier years of his life, soon after the War, he was appointed Master in Chancery, which position he continued to hold till his death, his last appointment having been made last year by Governor Douglas.

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"Major Jones loved his Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and was the oldest member of E. W. Kinsley Post No. 113, at the time of his death. He appreciated fully the sincerity and depth of attachment which has grown up among those whose comradeship was born of their service together, through the memorable campaigns of the Civil War, and none responded more quickly or liberally than he to the needs of those who were in want. None were more faithful in their attendance at its meetings, and one of the most gratifying incidents connected with the service of our raising 'Old Glory' on the flagstaff of this building, when we dedicated it to God and the welfare of our fellow-men, was his cordial greeting and participation in that event, and the delight it gave him to know that the old flag which he loved so well would float over the home of the Post which was so dear to him. And it is a significant fact that this flag was half-masted for the first time in mute but touching recognition of his death.

"He was also an honored member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and highly esteemed by his Comrades. He was also an honored and faithful member of Joseph Warren Commandery of Knights Templars, Columbian Lodge of Masons, and of the Massachusetts Lodge of I. O. O. F., to all of which he brought the warmth and courtesy of his nature, and the continued assurance of his interest in everything which pertained to their welfare.

"We shall miss him, as a friend, as a Christian brother, as a comrade, as a citizen of this honored city which he loved, and the inspiration of his life, and his service to God, to his country, and to his fellow-men, will remain with us as a legacy, which we, as members of the Baptist Social Union, and as fellow-comrades, should cherish as part of our most valued possessions.

"It is such men who have made our beloved country possible.

"It is such men who have made it great.

"And it is of such men as Major Jones that it might be said, as of another patriot and statesman, who has also passed to his reward: —

"'How much he cared for his country!
How little for praise or pelf!
A man too simply great
To scheme for his proper self.'"

COLONEL JOHN S. MOSBY

An unexpected visit by Colonel John S. Mosby, the daring ex-Confederate Cavalry commander, would not have been an unusual circumstance forty odd years ago, in the experience of quite a number of the members of the Post, — indeed, several had the good or ill fortune of being taken prisoners by him, but they all give him a good name for his treatment of prisoners.

To the surprise of the "boys," Colonel Mosby, being in the city upon a Post night, consented to call. He was given a hearty reception and did not seem averse to recalling the thrilling times of long ago, much to the edification of all concerned. Post No. 113 discovered some time since that the War was over, and, as everybody knows, has acted accordingly. The meeting of War Veterans who served upon opposite sides always has an interest and piquancy about it quite incomprehensible to the civilian.

But to those who have tried the gauge of battle with foemen worthy of their steel, there always springs an irresistible undertone of respect, and when all is over and the gentle hand of time has smoothed the resentments of war, there arises a genuine regard which increases as the years go by.

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

The Memorial Sunday, May 26, and Memorial Day, May 30, were both faithfully observed. At Tremont Temple, Memorial Day, the services were attended by a crowded house, who listened with rapt attention to the parts of the ritual taken by the Comrades.

The Orator of the Day was ex-Governor John D. Long, who delivered a most scholarly address, filled with poetic imagery. It was a poem of thought presented in the purest diction, worthy of the occasion and the reputation of the gifted speaker.

AFTERNOON

The dinner at Young's in the afternoon was fully attended by members and associates; sociality with orchestral music, the "Old Songs" by the "boys," speeches by guests and others, well rounded out the day.

Commander Ruddick presided and Past Commander Goodrich was Toast-master. Responses to toasts were made by the following gentlemen: "United States" by Mr. Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Surveyor of the Port; "The Commonwealth" by Governor Curtis Guild, Jr.; "The City of Boston" by Mayor John F. Fitzgerald; "The Army" by Comrade Greenleaf A. Goodale, Brigadier-General U. S. Army (retired); "The Navy" by Comrade Paul H. Kendricken; and "The Grand Army of the Republic" by Department Commander J. Payson Bradley.

RECEPTION BY THE BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION

By the courtesy of the Baptist Social Union, the Post attended a reception the evening of June 4. Dinner was served in Ford Hall, followed by patriotic exercises, partaking of the nature of a Camp Fire, the latter being conducted by Post No. 113. Commander Ruddick presided with grace, and after making an excellent address, severally introduced the speakers in a felicitous manner. Music was furnished by "Olin's Gang," whose peculiarities being new to the members of the Union, quite carried them away with the old war songs, so familiar to all War Veterans. Addresses relating to personal reminiscences of the Civil War were made by Major-General Oliver O. Howard, one of the few general officers remaining, who held high command in the army during the War; Comrade and Brigadier-General Greenleaf A. Goodale; Colonel Charles E. Hapgood; Brigadier-General H. B. Carrington; Department Commander J. Payson Bradley; Comrade Paul H. Kendricken; and Colonel Edward H. Haskell.

It proved one of the most delightful occasions of the year, both for the Comrades and the Union.

"Of all human things nothing is more honorable or more excellent than to deserve well of one's Country." — CICERO.

ANOTHER SOLDIER OF THREE WARS PASSES OVER THE RIVER

Again the summons came, and Comrade Edmund Rice responded to the call at his home in Wakefield, July 20.

Brigadier-General Rice, U. S. Army (retired), was born in Cambridge, Mass., December 2, 1842, and was intimately connected with his native State by his command of Massachusetts regiments. His residence since his retirement from active service was in Boston and Wakefield. His career was remarkable, in that his whole life was devoted to the service of his Country.

Like Lieutenant-General Miles, he commenced as a Volunteer in 1861, afterwards entering the Regular Army, and by merit reached the rank of a general officer. He was noted for his winning personality, his fidelity to duty, his solicitude for the comfort and well-being of the men under his command and his ability and bravery. Well may it be said that: —

> "None knew thee but to love thee,
> Nor named thee but to praise."

FUNERAL SERVICES

At a meeting called by Commander Ruddick, the representatives of the Post and military organizations with which General Rice had been connected in the Civil, Spanish and Philippine wars, with the aid of the Governor, made suitable arrangements for the funeral obsequies, which included a military escort composed of troops of the United States and Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.

Services at Greenwood

The tribute in Boston was prefaced at the late residence of General Rice in the village of Greenwood, Wakefield, by a private service for his stricken family.

The services, of a simple character, were read by the Rev. Rufus S. Chase, rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Wakefield. Besides relatives and friends, there were present delegates from Kinsley Post 113, G. A. R., of Boston, who had charge of the funeral, and representatives from the Loyal Legion and Medal of Honor of New England.

When the services were concluded by the Rev. Dr. Chase, the impressive and solemn Grand Army service was given by Comrades of

the Kinsley Post. Governor Guild delivered a glowing eulogy of the dead soldier, in which he said in part: —

"You men have served the red, white, and blue flag of the United States and the white flag of Massachusetts long and faithfully. There are men who have served with the General in the Civil War, in Porto Rico and in the Philippines, gathered here to-day heartily in sorrow, but more in exultation because God was willing to give us such a noble life to serve not only Massachusetts, but the United States. General Rice was a noble citizen, a fearless soldier and a gentleman. What better epitaph can man have on this earth?"

Taps were sounded by Bugler James Findlay of Company A, 6th Infantry, M. V. M. Fifteen members of the Warren Camp 33, Sons of Stoneham, did honorary escort duty.

The floral pieces were numerous and especially elaborate.

Following the services the body was escorted to the Greenwood depot.

The pall bearers were: Adjutant-General James A. Frye, representing the Governor and commonwealth; Generals Samuel M. Mansfield and Greenleaf A. Goodale, U. S. Army (retired); Major George T. Coppins, 19th Massachusetts Regiment Association; Captain William A. Hill, Massachusetts Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; Lieutenant-Colonel Butler Ames, 6th Massachusetts Infantry, U. S. V.; General Thomas R. Mathews, Colonel Bowdoin S. Parker and Henry M. Upham, of Kinsley Post No. 113; Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Talbot, 26th United States Volunteer Infantry, Philippine War.

Military Honors in Boston

On arrival in Boston the column was formed and the march was taken up through Canal, Washington, School and Beacon streets, where the column formed in a line stretching from Tremont Street beyond the Capitol, and the troops presented arms as the casket was borne along to the Beacon Street front, where it was carried up the steps and deposited in the rotunda of the Hall of Flags. There Captain John P. Reynolds of the 19th Mass. Infantry had arranged the banner of the Loyal Legion of the United States at the head of the casket, flanked by the standards of the society, and at the foot the banner of the 19th Massachusetts Regiment Association, flanked by the colors of Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R. The general's chapeau, sword and belt were placed on the lid of the casket.

At the head there were beautiful floral tributes. Mrs. Rice was the first to view the face, and was afterward escorted to the balcony by Governor Guild. A guard of honor was supplied for the first hour by a platoon of the United States Regulars from the harbor defences, and for the second hour by a platoon of the 6th Infantry M. V. M. The people came pouring through the hall, followed by the men of the regiments which had served with the dead soldier in his three wars.

March to the South Station

At 5.45 the line was again formed with the addition of Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., the Veterans of the 19th Massachusetts Volunteers (Civil War), the 6th Massachusetts, U. S. Volunteers (Spanish War) and the 26th United States Volunteers (Philippines). To the strains of "Lead, Kindly Light," by the band, preceded by the sergeant-at-arms, Captain David T. Remington, and immediately followed by Governor Guild and the bearers, the casket was taken down the steps to the caisson.

The line of march was then taken to the South Station. Here a picket guard had been established from the "President's Gate" through the great train house to the funeral train which was to bear the casket to Washington. The sentries presented arms, and the body, immediately followed by Commander William H. Ruddick, Comrades Thomas R. Mathews, Bowdoin S. Parker, Henry M. Upham and Greenleaf A. Goodale of Kinsley Post No. 113; Adjutant-General James A. Frye, representing the Governor and Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Talbot, representing the 26th U. S. Volunteers, was borne into the baggage car. A special guard, representing Massachusetts, went to Washington with the body. The troops were dismissed in Dewey Square.

INTERMENT AT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

The mortal remains of General Rice were tenderly laid at rest by loving friends at a spot which he had selected sometime since, in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

The public interest in the funeral ceremonies of General Rice was general, and the respect shown by all classes very marked.

The arrangements and the whole conduct of the obsequies reflected great credit upon the Post.

The press notices of General Rice's life achievements with the details of the funeral were given at length. A few extracts will indicate their scope: —

From the *Boston Herald*: —

"Massachusetts honors the memory of the late General Edmund Rice by opening to his bier the Hall of the Flags where the soldier rested in the shadow of his own battle standards of the 'Fighting Nineteenth,' which he so bravely supported in the hand-to-hand fight of the 'bloody angle' at Spottsylvania.

"To but one other soldier's funeral has the beautiful hall at the State House been opened, that of the late General Blackmar, Commander-in-

Chief of the Grand Army. It has been the unwritten law for generations that only such concession should be made in the case of a departed governor or senator of the United States dying in office.

"But it was because of the altogether unique service of this gallant son of Massachusetts, born in Cambridge, who lived to command practically three regiments from this commonwealth in three wars — the 19th Massachusetts Volunteers, which he proudly brought home at the close of the Civil War; the 6th Massachusetts Infantry, U. S. Volunteers with which he came home from the war with Spain, and the 26th United States Volunteers, a regiment recruited and officered so largely by Bay State men as to be of itself a Massachusetts command.

"It is many years since Boston had seen such a stately, yet simple, funeral as that accorded to General Rice. The rush for home had started when the funeral parade was in Tremont Street, but hundreds halted and bared their heads as the casket rolled by. In the ranks which were doing honor to the memory of General Rice were volunteers who had marched across Porto Rico, others who had faced with him the Moros, and many who had known with him the awful minutes of the fiercest battles of the Civil War. The flag at the State House was half-masted. The Governor, his head bared, followed the casket as it was taken out of Memorial Hall. It was, in short, the funeral of a soldier.

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"The pathos was given by the twenty-five whitened Veterans of the 19th Massachusetts Regiment Association (Civil War), who faced with General Rice the terrific hand-to-hand fighting in the 'Bloody Angle' of Spottsylvania, where the general and a number of these survivors were captured by the enemy."

From the *Boston American:* —

"General Rice had been a soldier all his life. He had fought in three wars. He commanded the 19th Massachusetts Regiment at Gettysburg in the Civil War when it repulsed Pickett's famous charge.

"He took command of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment in the Spanish War when it was in an almost chaotic state, and he brought it home one of the best volunteer regiments in the service.

"He commanded the 26th U. S. Volunteers, the Massachusetts Regiment in the Philippines, and it made a record to be proud of.

"As a son and a soldier, Massachusetts gave him a public funeral and allowed his body to lie in state in the State House, an honor heretofore accorded only dead Governors and United States Senators."

From the *Boston Record:* —

"The funeral of General Edmund Rice took place yesterday, the ceremonies including lying in state at the State House after an imposing funeral procession in the streets of Boston.

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"At the foot of the stairways leading to the State House stood Governor Guild and Major Glines, his Aide. They received the coffin and with the honorary pall-bearers escorted it to the Hall of Flags, where the catafalque had been arranged.

"Governor Guild escorted the widow to the catafalque, and the remainder of the family followed. Afterwards came the Veterans of the old 19th, and other G. A. R. men. Afterward the public was admitted, the body being exposed to view. The general looked as if peacefully asleep.

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"The respect shown on all hands when the funeral cortege of the late General Rice was passing through the streets yesterday gave rise to many comments. All along the line almost every man bared his head as the caisson bearing the casket draped with the flag passed by. At the South Station several thousand people gathered, and there were few men who did not hold their hats in their hands. On the way to the station it rained quite hard, yet the same respect was manifested.

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"No human being who took part in General Edmund Rice's funeral was more closely watched than the general's light bay, saddled and equipped as the general last rode it on parade, with his boots in the stirrups, led by a colored orderly behind the caisson in the procession. The horse seemed to understand it all.

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"Edmund Rice at sixty-four had served his country in three wars, and with great credit, gallantry and ability. After Major Rice of the old 19th Massachusetts led the advance of that regiment and the 42d New York by which the charge of Pickett's division at Gettysburg was stopped, his rank as a soldier in the eyes of the nation was settled. But in less striking service, years after, in Porto Rico and in the Philippines, he proved his worth. It was the work in the Philippines that took him away."

From the *Boston Post:*—

General Rice's Body in the Hall of Flags

"Surrounded by tattered battle flags of the 'Fighting Nineteenth' which he so bravely followed in the hand-to-hand fight of the 'Bloody Angle' at Spottsylvania, the body of General Edmund Rice, hero of three wars, was accorded the usual honor of lying in state in the Hall of Flags at the State House.

"General Blackmar, late Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., is the only other soldier who has ever been honored in this way.

"Owing to General Rice's unique war record, this tribute was paid to his memory.

"He commanded the 19th Massachusetts Infantry in the Civil War and the 6th Massachusetts U. S. Volunteers in the Spanish-American War."

CAPTAIN NATHAN APPLETON

Past Commander Nathan Appleton passed from earth at Boston, August 20, being the twelfth Post Commander to answer the last roll-call. Agreeably to his request his funeral was held in King's Chapel, and delegations from Post No. 113, the 5th Massachusetts Light Battery and the Loyal Legion were present. A sketch of Past Commander Appleton will be found in Chapter XIII of this work.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

November 22, one hundred fifty Comrades, Associates and guests assembled at Young's for the annual gala festival of the year. After an hour's delightful reunion and general felicitations, the company proceeded to the banquet hall, which was completely filled, for the more elaborate completion of the evening's entertainment. Commander Ruddick presided and Comrade Josiah H. Benton, Jr., was Toast-master. The first speaker was ex-Governor John D. Long, who delivered one of his most entertaining speeches, replete with wit and words of wisdom. At its conclusion he was informed of his unanimous election as an Honorary Life Associate Member of Post No. 113, and was formally presented and invested with the beautiful solid gold badge of an Associate amid great applause. In the absence of the Governor from the State, Attorney-General Dana Malone very wittily and acceptably responded for the Commonwealth. President Dolan of the Common Council, in the absence of the Mayor, represented the city and delivered an excellent address. Then followed Comrade Goodale, who spoke for the Army and Navy.

The other speakers were Department Commander Bradley and Post Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, both famous for lively and entertaining talks upon all occasions. Daggett's orchestra furnished appropriate music. The gathering, while less demonstrative than upon some similar occasions, was full of good cheer and the best of fraternity. The arrangements were well made and carried out with smoothness and absence

of any "Fuss and Feathers"; altogether it was one of the most chummy and companionable Anniversaries for years.

POST NO. 113 DEDICATES TUFTS' MEMORIAL TABLET

The concluding event of the year was the dedication by Post No. 113 of a memorial tablet erected in honor of the Volunteers in the Civil War who went from Tufts College. This ceremony was never before performed by any Post of the Grand Army in this Department.

December 15, the Post, in full uniform, proceeded to Tufts College, where Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., the President, with the faculty of the College, received them in Ballou Hall, with the distinguished guests invited, among whom were Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., and staff; General Embury P. Clark commanding the First Brigade, M. V. M., and staff; General Jophanus H. Whitney commanding the Second Brigade, M. V. M., and staff; Colonel Davis and staff; Captains Howells, Todd, Kimball and Lieutenant Sibley, all of the U. S. Army; Dr. Samuel Capen; Members of the Board of Trustees; and prominent alumni of the College.

At the conclusion of the reception all repaired to Goddard Chapel, which was crowded to its capacity, with ladies and friends of the institution. The Post were seated in the transept where the Tablet had been erected, having inscribed thereon the names of the students who enlisted and served in the Civil War, — sixty-three in number. Included in the list were the names of three members of Post No. 113, viz.: Past Commanders Eugene H. Richards and William Carleton Ireland — both deceased — and the present Commander William H. Ruddick. The music was furnished by a mixed chorus of seventy-five trained voices under the leadership of Professor Leo R. Lewis, head of the musical department of the college.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

The order of exercises were well arranged.

President Hamilton's Address

President Hamilton spoke in part as follows: —

"The war of the rebellion found Tufts a very small affair; its first students had hardly passed through the institution, but the men in

Tufts at that time were of the best blood and brain in the New England States.

"When the agitation arose over the impending conflict, meetings and rallies were held, and when the call to arms came, the men responded in a noble and enthusiastic manner. In fact, I have found that of all the men who enrolled at Tufts, one-third enlisted in the service of the United States on land or sea.

"These men nobly did the duty for which they volunteered; some left their bodies on the battle-field; some returned shattered and broken in health, while others brought back their youth and have served the nation long and well, some until their death.

"Little Tufts sent sixty-three men to the Civil War. Sometimes we hear that the tendency of the college is to hold its students aloof from the world, but these men did not live apart. They risked their lives and futures; they gave everything they had to give. I believe that if the call were made to-day to defend the flag, a battalion could be raised at Tufts.

"So a fitting memorial has been placed in the walls of this building, so that the names shall last as long as the institution shall endure. It is not a roll of dead, it is a roll of honor. These names are here so that as generations of students come and go in this beautiful chapel they shall see what this college did for their country long ago."

DR. GIBBS' ADDRESS

The Rev. Dr. Gibbs, Tufts '59, a member of the 44th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, then spoke for the survivors of the War in a very acceptable manner; his opening remarks being very witty, and concluding with highly patriotic sentiments.

GOVERNOR GUILD'S ADDRESS

Governor Guild said: —

"It may not be well to boast abroad of the Bay State, but surely here in one of the temples of Massachusetts ideals, the achievements of her citizen-soldiers, inspired by those ideals, may well be brought to mind.

"In 1860 Massachusetts had a population of 1,231,066. According to the records of the adjutant general's office, Massachusetts furnished 159,165 men to the struggle for the union. States claiming to have furnished the most men in proportion to their size, boast that ten men went to war for every one hundred of population, but Massachusetts bettered even that phenomenal record by sending thirteen men for every one hundred of the population.

"As in the first war of the United States, so in the last war of the United States, Massachusetts was the first ready for duty in the great

rebellion. There is scarce a page of the history of that war that does not bear the name of this commonwealth; scarce a battlefield or sea fight where Massachusetts blood was not spilled; scarce a spot in the theatre of war from the British Channel to Texas of which Massachusetts could not echo the familiar cry of Æneas: 'Quae regio in terris nostri non plena laboris.'

"The records of the treasury department show that the first offer of financial aid without interest came from the town of Salisbury. To Samuel Hooper of Boston, Secretary Chase said he owed more than to any man in the United States.

"Lincoln calls for troops, and the first blood is shed by the 6th Massachusetts. The first aggressive movement is made in eastern Virginia. The order comes from a Massachusetts major-general, and the 4th Massachusetts, the first regiment to leave the State, shares in the first attack and in the sacrifice. Richmond is taken, and the first troops to enter the city are Troops E and H, 1st Massachusetts Cavalry, and it is their guidons that first rise above the roof of the capitol of the confederacy.

"Twenty thousand sailors from Massachusetts — a larger enlistment in the navy than that of any other State save New York — manned the guns of the Union fleets. Massachusetts furnished more than a fifth of all the naval officers. The life and soul and brains of the navy department was a son of Massachusetts, Gustavus Vasa Fox. In the first naval and military success of Fort Hatteras the troops were under a Massachusetts general; in the second (at Port Royal) the ships were under a Massachusetts fleet captain.

"The *Merrimac* steams out in impregnable armor. She is faced by the helpless wooden vessels. Marston of Massachusetts fights the *Roanoke* with her. The *Cumberland* goes down in flames with her flag still flying, and not one, but hundreds, of American Casabiancas with her. The *Merrimac's* commander falls before the *Cumberland's* last shot, fired as the lip of the gun kisses the water, and it is the hand of Morris of Massachusetts that is upon the lanyard.

Other Massachusetts Heroes

"A grounded monitor, helpless on a bar in the Mississippi, holds at bay and repulses a victorious Confederate army. It is Selfridge of Massachusetts who has won the unique glory of winning a sea fight on shore. Farragut leads to victory in Mobile bay, but it is Nicholson of Massachusetts and his monitor that crush in the armor of the giant ram, and the rebel admiral who sunk the *Cumberland* hauls down his flag on the *Tennessee*.

"Europe gathers upon the cliffs of Cherbourg to watch the crack Confederate cruiser, manned with picked gunners of the British navy, demonstrate the claimed inferiority of Yankee sea fighting. The Confederate commander loses both ship and crew, escaping in an English yacht after hauling down his flag, but British ship, British guns, British gunners, go down to the depths with the Confederate cause

on the high seas before the superior gunnery of a Yankee ship and a Yankee crew, and by the side of the *Constitution* and *Monitor* there is anchored forever in naval history the *Kearsarge* and *Winslow* of Massachusetts.

"It is impossible even to summarize the service of the Bay State in the army. Some notion of it may be gained from the fact that this single State gave the country during the Civil War two hundred general officers. For every seven hundred men who went into the army from Massachusetts, one at least won a general's star.

"There was scarcely a Department where the rank and file did not lay down their lives. They shared the first invasion of Virginia at Big Bethel. They planted the flag of the 22d on the works at Yorktown. They fought in North Carolina under Burnside and Foster. The only guns of the army that aided the navy at the passage of Vicksburg were those of Massachusetts batteries.

"They were Massachusetts men who led the march to death with a smile at Port Hudson. They suffered for the folly that planned the Florida campaign. They died under the guns of Sumter and Wagner. They formed the living bulwark behind which the bridge of boats was built at Fredericksburg.

"When Sleeper's little battery held back an army at Gettysburg, it was Massachusetts' blood that stained the sponge and rammer. They fell in every campaign in the Army of the Potomac, and cheered for Fighting Joe of Massachusetts whether they followed him in defeat in the army of the Potomac at Chancellorsville, or whether they climbed with him to the stars to win a victory above the clouds at Lookout Mountain.

"They followed Sherman into Georgia and helped drive Longstreet from Tennessee. They rode with Lowell and Sheridan through the Shenandoah, and struggled with Grant out of the Wilderness into the light of Appomattox.

"Such is Massachusetts. The roll of the Knights of the Golden Circle shows no copperhead lodge within her borders. Her best eulogy is the plain recital of the deeds of her sons. Her best inheritance is the Puritan conscience that, adopted or inherited, has sent and shall send her sons forth to the sacrifices of peace as well as of war, that righteousness may indeed exalt a nation."

MRS. BLACKMAR HONORED

The year's notable events were fittingly rounded out by the unanimous election of Mrs. Helen R. Blackmar as an Honorary Life Associate Member of the Post; a well-merited recognition of her interest in and aid to the Grand Army, and especially Post No. 113, and in remembrance of her late husband, Commander-in-Chief Blackmar, the first Commander of the Post.

MINOR EVENTS

Valuable articles for the furnishing and use of "Blackmar Hall" were contributed by Mrs. Blackmar, Comrades Armington, Brooks, Dolliver, Jones, North, Parker and Robinson.

February 24, Mrs. Ida Louise Gibbs of Waltham gave a patriotic entertainment, entitled "The Genesis of the Flag," in Ford Hall, which was attended by members of the Post and their ladies. Colonel Thomas W. Higginson and others made appropriate addresses. It was a unique and interesting evening.

At the March meeting Comrade Frank P. Moss read a sketch of his capture by Mosby.

In April, Comrade Greenleaf A. Goodale gave a paper on "The Moros in the Philippines" as he found them in his late service as a Regular Army officer.

On Patriot's Day, April 19, Comrade James T. Davis gave a most sumptuous entertainment to members of the Post at his residence in Lexington.

June 20, a paper by Comrade Henry G. Dorr recited many of his experiences as a prisoner during the War, under the title of "The Swinging Sign." It was a taking paper.

"BUNKER HILL DAY"

On June 18, Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson and Mr. Dexter E. Wadsworth, his son-in-law, and a Kinsley Associate, hospitably entertained the Post at their residence in Quincy; and Comrade John B. Lewis, Jr., held a reception at his home in Reading, August 30, in commemoration of his sixty-fifth birthday, to which the members and their ladies were invited.

At the September meeting, Comrade Rev. Joshua P. L. Bodfish read a comprehensive communication detailing his experiences as a delegate to the National Encampment of the Grand Army at Minneapolis, which was replete with wit, humor and pathos. It was altogether the most interesting paper of its kind ever presented to the Post. At the same meeting Comrade John B. Lewis, Jr., gave a very amusing and instructive account of his recent visit to California and Alaska.

October 4, the Fall Field day was revived, and members and Associates enjoyed one of the old-time outings with good cheer

at headquarters in the evening. At the October meeting Comrade Paul H. Kendricken read a highly interesting paper on "Captain Robert Small, Pilot of the Steamer *Planter*."

The annual Post Inspection followed, conducted by Comrade T. R. Appleton of Post No. 191.

The losses, aside from Comrades Jones, Rice, Appleton and Associate General Wheeler, were Comrade George A. Fales, May 3, whose funeral was held in the Second Church, Copley Square, the Post attending and performing the G. A. R. service; and Comrade George C. Appleton, May 31, whose funeral was held at his late residence in Roxbury, at which a delegation of the Post was present.

CHAPTER XLII

Nineteen Hundred Seven

Installation of Officers. Unveiling of Tablet to Memory of Comrade Major Edward J. Jones. Memorial Day. Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., President of Tufts College, Orator. Unveiling of Tablet to Comrade General Wilmon W. Blackmar. Reception in New Headquarters. Subsequent Entertainments. Anniversary Reception and Banquet. Death of Past Commander George E. Henry. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander William H. Ruddick.

THE year opened with the installation ceremonies excellently performed by Acting Assistant Adjutant-General Wilfred A. Wetherbee. The list of officers was substantially the same as for the previous year.

Commander	William H. Ruddick.
Senior Vice-Commander	George E. Mitchell.
Junior Vice-Commander	Frank P. Moss.
Adjutant	Bowdoin S. Parker.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Horace E. Marion, M.D.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Patriotic Instructor	John B. Lewis, Jr.
Officer of the Day	George E. Savory.
Officer of the Guard	Benjamin H. Ticknor.
Sergeant-Major	Henry J. Bardwell.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	John C. Cook, Ch., Ephraim B. Stillings, Augustine Sanderson.
Trustees of Post	Bowdoin S. Parker, Ch., Charles B. Amory, William H. Alline.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Albert W. Hersey, Ch., James Bruerton, Ira B. Goodrich.

TABLET TO MEMORY OF COMRADE MAJOR JONES

On Memorial Sunday, May 26, by special invitation, the Post attended the First Baptist Church of Boston and took part in the ceremonies attending the unveiling of a tablet, erected by the Church, in memory of our late Comrade, Major Edward J. Jones.

The pastor, Rev. Francis H. Rowley, D.D., delivered a strong address evincing thought and historical research, and Commander Ruddick followed with a fitting tribute to the worth of Major Jones, as a man, a soldier and citizen. The music and other exercises were worthy of the interesting and solemn occasion.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES

The preparation of the details of the day had been made with unusual care. After the decoration of individual graves and memorial tablets by details from the members on the morning of May 30, the largest number of Comrades ever parading on a similar occasion assembled at headquarters. At 9 o'clock A.M. line was formed with the following escort: Detail of Police, The American Watch Company Band, The National Lancers (dismounted), and the Kinsley Associates. The service at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at the Common was more effectively rendered than usual. The column made a fine military appearance and reached the Tremont Temple promptly on time. The vast audience crowding the auditorium included over one thousand pupils of the Boston public schools. The latter sang two pieces in unison very acceptably. A novel feature of the service was the recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Master Ernest Caverly, a youth of twelve years and a member of the Bigelow Grammar School of South Boston, which was very creditably performed amid much applause. The Orator of the Day was Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., President of Tufts College, a Kinsley Associate. For matter and oratorical effect, the speaker has been rarely excelled. The music and Grand Army service were sympathetically rendered, and many expressions of appreciation were voiced by numerous persons present.

Upon leaving the Temple the escort and Post marched at once

to the American House, where the afternoon reception and dinner were held.

THE DINNER

After partaking of the generous refreshment provided, the Commander called the assembly to order and congratulated the Post upon the very successful celebration of the day. He closed by introducing Adjutant Bowdoin S. Parker as Toast-master.

The several speakers were presented by neat and witty remarks by the Toast-master, the speaking having been arranged so that special topics were treated by different members of the Post.

A better exhibition of good solid entertaining Post oratory was never enjoyed. The speakers were Comrades John B. Lewis, Jr., Rev. Edward A. Horton, Past Commanders Denny, Stillings, Hall, Mathews and Sawin. Short and pithy addresses were also made by Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., the Orator of the Day, Rev. Francis H. Rowley, D.D., Rev. Charles E. Beale and Captain Albert A. Gleason. It was altogether a most delightful and satisfying occasion.

UNVEILING THE TABLET TO MEMORY OF COMRADE GENERAL BLACKMAR

On Sunday, June 9, members and Associates attended the unveiling of a tablet erected in the old First Unitarian Church at Hingham to the memory of Past Commander and Commander-in-Chief, Wilmon W. Blackmar. The exercises were nominally in charge of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Following a religious service conducted by the minister of the church, Judge Henry N. Sheldon, a former legal associate of General Blackmar, delivered an appreciative address in which he eulogized General Blackmar, closing with the sentiment, "May the time never come when such men shall be lacking among us."

Colonel Charles H. Porter, Recorder of the Loyal Legion, and Mr. Francis H. Lincoln, clerk of the parish, also made brief addresses. It was an occasion of much interest and largely attended by the Post.

FIRST RECEPTION IN THE NEW HEADQUARTERS, FORD BUILDING

Though the Post had occupied and used the new headquarters since February, 1906, the first formal dedicatory reception and entertainment was held October 23 of this year.

A large number of the Post ladies and other friends were present and took part in the opening. The evening's programme consisted of several parts, the first being the inspection of Blackmar Hall, the Post room proper, and the examination of the numerous articles of virtu and ornament; this was followed by a formal reception by the Commander and Mrs. Ruddick, Associate ex-Governor John L. Bates and Mrs. Bates, with other officers, in Kingsley Hall.

At its conclusion the company all assembled in Ford Hall, where a delightful and unique entertainment denominated "The Cruise of Post No. 113 on the Yacht Ma Belle" took place. This consisted of a lecture by Comrade Davis W. Howard, assisted by the Mozart (ladies) Quartette, and illustrated by over two hundred superb marine and landscape views of the coast between Newport, R.I., and Bar Harbor, Maine. The whole evening's events passed off with great acceptance and to the manifest pleasure of the visitors and members.

SUBSEQUENT ENTERTAINMENTS

Following the opening entertainment reception, a series of evening entertainments were given in honor of the Post ladies and friends during the succeeding winter months, which for real pleasure, generous enthusiasm and excellent management were never excelled in the history of the organization. These consisted of the following: "The Panama Canal," by Captain Charles Mason Fuller, formerly of the U. S. Navy, with one hundred fine stereopticon views; A monologue entitled "Around the Stove," by the author, Mr. Hoyt L. Conary; "The Battle of Gettysburg," by Comrade Davis W. Howard, illustrated by numerous stereopticon views and maps from official sources, and a specially illustrated naval lecture on "The Lost Fleet at Samoa," by Mr. John H. Westfall, formerly an officer of the U. S. Navy.

ILLNESS OF COMMANDER RUDDICK

Shortly after the magnificent dedicatory reception and entertainment held in October, already mentioned, Commander Ruddick was suddenly seized by serious illness and for many weeks his physicians had little hope that he would ever recover; he was not able to do any further duty as Commander during his term of office. The various details and arrangements for entertainments, funerals, the annual Anniversary Banquet and details for the regular and special meetings fell upon the Adjutant, who superintended everything and all went forward with entire success.

ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION AND BANQUET

The thirty-eighth annual Anniversary was held at Young's Hotel the evening of November 22. After the greetings and congratulations of the Comrades and guests had been exchanged in the reception parlor, the banquet came off in the main dining hall. On account of the sickness of the Commander, Senior Vice-Commander George E. Mitchell presided. In calling to order for the usual after-dinner exercises, the Chair in well-chosen words extended the welcome to all present; the necrology of the year was read by the Adjutant and the solemn "Silent Toast" to the memory of departed Comrades was drunk standing and in silence, followed with the sweet musical refrain. This is always a tender and touching ceremony.

Resolutions offered by the Adjutant expressive of love and Comradeship were adopted and sent, with a beautiful basket of flowers, to Commander Ruddick. A letter from him was received and read.

Comrade Rev. Edward A. Horton, was then presented as Toast-master and, as always, received with expressions of delight by the assembled company.

He was fully in tune with the spirit of the occasion and quickly and wittily introduced the following felicitous speakers: Rev. George A. Crawford, D.D., Chaplain U. S. Navy (retired), Rev. Ernest R. Hunt, Comrade William M. Olin and Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson. All of the gentlemen were at their best, and the Post never had the privilege of enjoying a more perfect combination of harmonious speaking talent than

was presented on this occasion. The music during the entire evening was most perfectly handled and in entire harmony with the festivities and humor of the celebration.

A unique exhibition consisting of Musical Pictures by the Harvard Quartette closed the entertainment; and, all in all, it was a rare treat, abounding with good feeling and genuine comradeship.

DEATH OF MAJOR HENRY

The last day of the year was saddened by the death of Past Commander, Major George E. Henry. He was one of the early members of the Post, with a splendid military record, and always an untiring worker in the Grand Army.

MINOR EVENTS

At the January meeting the newly installed Adjutant Parker presented a full sketch of the previous year's doings of the Post, specially prepared by request of the Commander; and he also read from the records the events of interest of a public nature occurring since the last monthly meeting. This was an innovation, as previously only the minutes of monthly meetings were placed on the Post record book, and the interesting and often highly important matters occurring mid-month were soon lost to remembrance.

In February addresses were made by members at many of the public schools in celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and some attended special exercises held by the Sons of Veterans in the Vine Street Church, Roxbury.

At a special meeting held in April, the following very interesting papers were read: By Comrade Rev. J. P. L. Bodfish, an account of his late trip to the Mediterranean, and cities in that vicinity visited; by Past Commander J. Waldo Denny, a sketch of the movements of the 18th Army Corps in connection with the battle of Cold Harbor: and by Comrade Frank P. Moss, personal reminiscences of his imprisonment at Andersonville, Ga., as a prisoner of war.

In July resolutions of sympathy were adopted relating to the severe accident on the battleship *Georgia* off Boston harbor, copies being sent to the President of the United States and to others through the Secretary of the Navy.

At the same meeting a visit was made by General George B. Loud, President of the 3d Massachusetts Cavalry Association, who made a very fine address.

The following articles of interest were presented to the Post during the year, viz.: valuable autographs, by Mrs. Henry G. Weston; books by Associate Dr. John Dixwell; picture of the battle of Petersburg at the "Crater," by Comrade General Greenleaf A. Goodale; reports and maps by Comrade Arthur Hooper; volume, "History of the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry," by General William J. Palmer of Colorado.

The deaths of the year were: Comrades Walter Allen, February 7; James T. Davis, February 8; George A. Foxcroft, May 25; Frederick A. Harrington, August 3; William H. Neal, December 20, and Past Commander George E. Henry, December 31.

The Grand Army service was rendered in each case, except the first two, while all the funeral services were attended by the Post.

COMMANDER WILLIAM H. RUDDICK

Service, Civil War. 7th Mass. Light Battery. Hospital Steward.
Service, M. V. M. Light Battery "A," 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant.

The twenty-seventh Comrade to be honored by the commandership of Post No. 113, Commander Ruddick, well maintained the high reputation for fidelity, zeal and efficiency in office, so well established by his predecessors. Of a generous, impulsive temperament, a ready speaker, a forceful executive with the ability to attract to himself many strong personal friends, it is almost needless to say that the reputation of the Post was much increased during his two terms as Commander.

An unusual number of public occasions occurred calling for a man of his superior fitness and ability, and in every case he represented the organization with exceptional credit to himself and honor to the Post.

"How easy it is to repel and to wipe away every impression which is troublesome or unsuitable and immediately to be in all tranquillity."— Marcus Aurelius.

CHAPTER XLIII

Nineteen Hundred Eight

Installation of Officers. Patriot's Day. Unveiling of Tablet at Faneuil Hall. Memorial Services, Sunday, May 24. Address by Rev. Clyde W. Bromell. May 30. Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D., President of Brown University, Orator. Salute to the Flag by One Thousand Public School Children. A Model Celebration. Thirty-ninth Anniversary Reception and Banquet at Young's. Notable Presentation of "Anderson Gavel" by Associate Hon. James J. Myers. Completion of Collection of Photographs, and Military Records of all Members of Post No. 113, with Massive Cabinet for the Same. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Bowdoin S. Parker.

THE officers of the Post were duly installed in office at the January meeting by Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, William M. Olin, assisted by Past Department Commander John E. Gilman as follows: —

Commander	Bowdoin S. Parker.
Senior Vice-Commander	George E. Savory.
Junior Vice-Commander	Henry H. Robinson.
Adjutant	Oliver P. Ricker.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Horace E. Marion, M.D.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Patriotic Instructor	John B. Lewis, Jr.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	George H. Guyer.
Sergeant-Major	Henry J. Bardwell.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	Augustine Sanderson, Ch., Ephraim B. Stillings, Alfred J. Knight.
Trustees of Post	Charles B. Amory, Ch., William H. Alline, Greenleaf A. Goodale.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Albert W. Hersey, Ch., Ira B. Goodrich, James Bruerton.

(George H. Graves, vice Bruerton deceased.)

BOWDOIN S. PARKER

Post Commander, 1908

CELEBRATION OF PATRIOT'S DAY

The year opened with the patriotic exercises conducted by the Sons of the Revolution at Faneuil Hall on April 19, which was attended by members of the Post.

The immediate occasion of this was the unveiling and presentation by the society of a Bronze Tablet to the city of Boston.

Songs by the school children and several speeches by prominent persons made up an exceedingly interesting occasion.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Memorial Sunday, May 24, the Post and Associate members, upon invitation, attended in a body the New Jerusalem Church, in Roxbury. The edifice was tastefully decorated with flowers, and a special musical service was carefully prepared. The Rev. Clyde W. Bromell delivered a very masterly and patriotic address.

The entire service was of a very pleasing character.

MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday, the 30th, the Post, Associates and special guests assembled at Headquarters at 9 o'clock A.M., and the column was formed in the following order, viz.: Detail of Police, The Waltham Watch Company Band, The Seventh Company of Coast Artillery Corps, Associates as escort to the Commander, Post Commander and Staff, and the Post parading as a battalion. The Post made a splendid appearance as they marched up Beacon Street, thence to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common, and from thence down Tremont Street to the Tremont Temple.

The order of service at the Common was in material respects new; it was impressively rendered.

At the Temple the exercises commenced promptly at 10.30 A.M. and from that time went forward with the greatest smoothness, promptness and effect. Several new and unique additions were made to the usual routine, — notably the salute to the Flag by over one thousand public school children, they reciting and acting in unison; the reading of the necrology of

the Post for the past year; and especially the singing of the day by a selected choir of ninety voices from the Girls' Latin School, with Miss Blanche H. Kilduff, soloist, and over one thousand school children selected from the public grammar schools of the city. This latter feature was a pronounced departure from anything heretofore attempted in the musical line; it was wonderfully successful. The Post Commander's address was received with favor and much applauded, and all the ritualistic service was rendered unusually well. The most taking thing of the day was perhaps the recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Master Joseph A. McHugh, a lad of twelve years, and a member of the Paul Jones Grammar School, East Boston. The great audience, and especially the younger portion, went wild with delight, and repeated and tumultuous applause was given his effort. It was a splendid performance.

The address of the Orator of the Day, Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D., President of Brown University, was delivered in excellent voice and was an able and thoughtful effort; it was attentively listened to and most heartily received. At 12.20 P.M. taps were sounded, and the Post retired from the Temple, formed column and marched directly to Young's Hotel.

An unusually large number of distinguished men and women, notably from the Baptist persuasion, attended the Temple services, and for completeness of detail, public interest and sympathetic appreciation by the immense audience which crowded the auditorium was never surpassed.

The expressions of commendation by prominent people, as well as the warmth of the press notices, were very remarkable.

The flowers used in the Temple service were given to the Ladies' Aid Society for use in decorating the graves in the Soldiers' Home lot in Malden.

The following editorial comment upon the Temple Memorial Service published in *The Watchman* indicates the public approval: —

A MODEL CELEBRATION

"'The most remarkable, touching and inspiring celebration of Memorial Day I have ever witnessed,' was what President Faunce of Brown University said of the Memorial Service of

Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Saturday, May 30. It is safe to say that every one in the vast audience agreed with him. Aside from the space reserved for the Comrades of the Post, the floor and the first balcony were filled with a brilliant company of invited guests. But the finest sight was the great upper balcony which was packed with one thousand children from the public schools of the city. The programme was extended and varied and of intense interest throughout; but nothing was more deeply impressive than the first number, the 'Reception to the Colors and Salute to the Flag.' In profound silence the great audience stood while the three standard bearers marched slowly and solemnly from the rear of the hall, and planted their colors on the platform; then the company of children, with their fresh young voices, repeated in perfect unison the salute to the Flag which they are taught in the public schools: —

"'I pledge allegiance to this flag, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'

"As it was realized that these children, of all nationalities, were being trained in the public schools in sentiments of such deep and true patriotism, it gave new hope for the future of the Republic. The music for the service was supplied by a band, a soprano soloist, by a chorus from the Girls' Latin School of Boston, which sang in beautiful taste and spirit, and by the children. The singing of the 'Star-Spangled Banner' by Miss Kilduff and the children was one of the most inspiring features of the service. Miss Kilduff sang two verses, and the children gave the chorus; then the children sang the last verse throughout. In singing the chorus, 'O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,' every child waved a flag in the air. It must have been a cold-blooded person who could fail to be thrilled with patriotic emotion under such conditions. Another notable feature was the recitation in excellent tone and emphasis by Master Joseph A. McHugh of the Paul Jones Grammar School, of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The oration by President Faunce was a fitting and eloquent and harmonious feature of this very notable service. In his remarks Rev. Edward A. Horton, the Post Chaplain, said, 'The time for this half-mast business is past.' The remark was received with applause.

There is a growing sentiment that now, at least, after all these years, the element of sadness should be suffered to fall into the background in the celebration of Memorial Day, and the higher significance of patriotism and of rejoicing in the preservation of the Republic should come to the front. This was the dominant note in this service of Kinsley Post, to which we have given so much emphasis, because it seems to us a model service for Memorial Day. The lessons of that service will never fade from the minds and hearts of those present. We wish every city and town and village throughout the Republic could have such a service every Memorial Day. And now that the real significance of Independence Day seems hopelessly lost in the noise and confusion and triviality of Fourth of July, it may well be that the reverent and impressive celebration of Memorial Day may become the chief expression of the patriotic spirit of our people."

THE DINNER

The usual reception was held in the parlors at Young's, after which the members, Associates and guests proceeded to the dining room, entering with the sweet strains of orchestral harmony, and enjoyed the excellent repast there served.

POSTPRANDIAL EXERCISES

At the conclusion of the dinner, Commander Parker, presiding, called the company to order and welcomed all to the hospitality of the occasion and congratulated the Comrades upon the very successful and appropriate services of the day. The "Silent Toast" was drank, standing and in silence. The Commander then read several letters from prominent persons who were unable to be present, among whom were: Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; Governor Curtis Guild, Jr.; U. S. Senators Lodge and Crane; General C. G. Burton, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; Archbishop O'Connell; Bishop Lawrence; and many others. The Toast-master, Hon. James J. Myers, was then presented, who conducted the remaining postprandial exercises with felicity.

He first, however, took this occasion to present to the Post a very handsome gavel, which he had caused to be made, the handle of which was of wood from one of the stockade posts of

the Andersonville, Ga., Military Prison Pen; the head from the famous pine tree, at the roots of which the "Providence Spring," so called, had gushed forth after a severe storm, and thereafter relieved the thirst of the unhappy prisoners confined therein. This valuable gift, bringing to mind such sad and terrible events of the Civil War, was accepted on behalf of the Post by Commander Parker, who expressed the thanks of the members of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., and promised to preserve the relic and, in pursuance of the request of the donor, to finally turn the same over to the care and keeping of the Commonwealth for perpetual preservation.

The following gentlemen were then severally pleasantly introduced by the Toast-master, viz.: Mayor George A. Hibbard; Major G. F. Gratwick of Exeter, England, president of the British International Association of Journalists; Judge William Schofield, of the Superior Court; Judge Michael J. Murray, of the Municipal Court; Major Henry Winn of Malden; Captain J. E. Bloom, U. S. Army; the Rev. Clyde W. Bromell; and Darius Cobb, the artist, — all of whom spoke with more than ordinary acceptance. It was a fitting conclusion to a most pronounced patriotic and tender Memorial Day celebration.

It should be stated in connection with the above-named public exercises that all the usual individual graves, memorial tablets and statues were decorated prior to the assembly in the morning.

During the week prior to Memorial Day, many addresses were made in the public schools by members of the Post, teaching lessons of the great war and inculcating patriotism.

From May 30 until the Post Anniversary, nothing of a public nature took place, though many events of minor importance transpired.

THE THIRTY-NINTH POST ANNIVERSARY

On Monday, the 23d of November, the great annual festival of the year was held at Young's Hotel. The reception was crowded with members, Associates and guests, among whom was the new Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; General Henry K. Nevius of New Jersey and his Adjutant-General, General Frank O. Cole, who came by special

invitation for the express purpose of attending this notable function of Post No. 113. It was the first time within the history of the organization that the Commander-in-Chief had come from another State to attend any similar gathering of any Post in the Commonwealth. During the progress of the reception, all present were introduced and greeted Generals Nevius and Cole.

THE BANQUET

Upon this occasion all Associates and guests were provided with special seats at the table, and as far as practicable each was attended by a member of the Post; this was an innovation the courtesy of which was very pleasing to all attending. More than double the number of Associates and guests were present than ever before.

During the banquet, besides the usual singing of the "old songs" by the "boys" and the orchestral musical selections, several solos by members of the Post were rendered, and the high spirits and genial flow of bubbling good humor was most charming to every heart.

POSTPRANDIAL

Commander Parker, presiding, called to order after the sumptuous repast had been concluded, and opened the after dinner exercises by a happy speech of greeting and welcome for all the loyal friends and Comrades of Post No. 113. The "Silent Toast" to the memory of the departed was then drunk, standing and in silence, and as the sweet refrain of music concluded the ceremony, many a tender thought and unbidden tear was witness of the touching remembrance of old comrades "mustered out" from earth life, yet sacred and dear to memory.

He then presented Comrade General Charles H. Taylor as Toast-master, who, as the prince in this line, introduced the several speakers of the evening as follows: Colonel William M. Olin, who responded to the combination toast of "Our Country," "The Commonwealth," and "The City of Boston," in his unique and inimitable manner. General Henry K. Nevius followed with a glowing tribute to the Grand Army, and appropriate reference to our Comrade Blackmar, who was removed from us during his term of office as Commander-in-Chief. De-

partment Commander Alfred S. Roe delivered a very eloquent and scholarly address. Hon. Samuel J. Elder presented in a happy and entertaining vein the spirit of the New South, while General Philip Reade, U. S. Army (retired), recently returned from service in the Philippines, gave a very oratorical description of his late service, especially in Moroland.

The exercises were concluded with "Auld Lang Syne," and another of the red-letter events of the Post passed into history.

With this year was concluded the labor of several years, in the collecting and preserving in suitable books, within a massive cabinet, of the photographs and military records of every member of the Post. This was of course a task of much difficulty of accomplishment, but something that will grow in value as time passes and one after another Comrades of the Post are finally "mustered out" of this world's vicissitudes, trials and disciplines.

MINOR EVENTS

Among the many gifts of various kinds during the year were volumes for the Post library from Comrades Charles B. Amory, Dr. William H. Ruddick, Charles E. Pierce and Albert W. Hersey; relics of the War by Comrade General John G. Butler; with other lesser articles from others.

Interesting papers were read by Comrade Rev. J. P. L. Bodfish, Comrade General Greenleaf A. Goodale and Rev. L. Tryon.

On October 21 occurred the annual inspection of the Post by Assistant Inspector Samuel P. Putnam, who expressed himself very much pleased with his visit and the general condition and prosperity of the Post.

The first loss of the year occurred January 22, by the sudden death of Comrade James Bruerton. This Comrade was one of the few remaining, early members who had continued with the Post from the date of uniting until his final "muster-out." His services for seven years as Adjutant greatly endeared him to the members, while his devotion to the interests of the organization was of a character that naturally gave him much influence in its affairs. It was the general feeling and expression upon his demise that one of the strong men had been removed. The other members taken were William H. Guild, June 13; James M. Hilton, September 12; Frank P. Moss,

November 8; and Frederick Barton, December 10; also, of the "Kinsley Associates," Mr. John Carter and Mr. Charles H. Bond.

"Mustered out from earthly sorrow,
Ushered in to heavenly bliss;
We shall meet them on the morrow
Of the life that follows this."

Nineteen hundred and eight was a most satisfactory year in every respect; harmony and good-fellowship prevailed; all the meetings and functions of the Post were fully attended, and proved among the most delightful in the history of the Post. The financial management proved unusually successful and, notwithstanding the general business depression, each of the several funds of the Post contained more money at the end of the year than at the commencement, and everything joined in making this year a most happy one in every way for members and Associates alike.

COMMANDER BOWDOIN S. PARKER

[By the Committee on Publication]

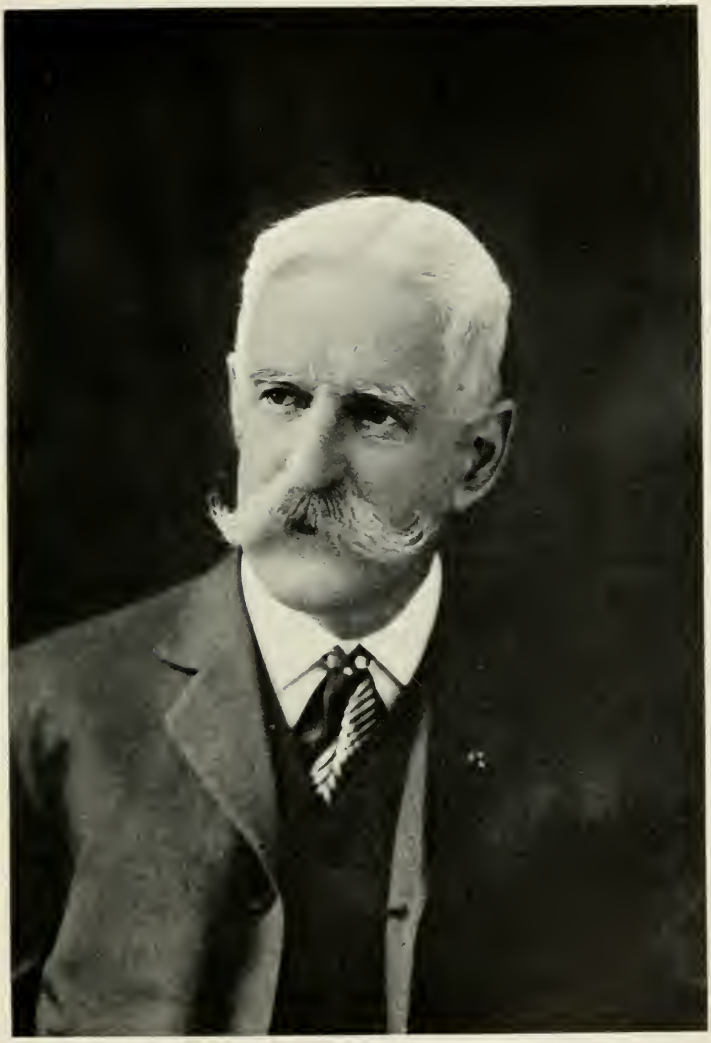
"Service, Civil War. 52d Mass. Infantry.
Service, M. V. M. 2d Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant, and Adjutant; Captain.
1st Brigade. Captain and Judge Advocate; Acting Judge Advocate-General; Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff; Colonel (retired). Post Historian.

Commander Parker joined Post No. 113 September 27th, 1882; and from that time has always taken an active interest in the organization. He was unanimously elected Junior Vice-Commander in 1883 and in 1884; Senior Vice-Commander in 1885 and 1886. He served with zeal and enthusiasm as Post Adjutant in 1907, to the great acceptance of the Comrades.

As Commander in 1908 we remember his year's administration as more than successful; he conducted the affairs of the Post with impartiality and thoroughness.

He was appointed an Aide-de-Camp on the Staffs of the successive Commanders-in-Chief for the years 1903, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1910 and 1911.

The compilation of the history of Post No. 113 by Comrade Parker is a monument to him, showing on its face an infinite amount of research covering a period of ten years' labor. The members of the Committee on publication desire at this time to gratefully acknowledge the great work of Comrade Parker and place on record their indebtedness to him for his invaluable services to them and the Post."



NATHANIEL WALES
Post Commander, 1909

CHAPTER XLIV

Nineteen Hundred Nine

INSTALLATION

Death of Past Commander Major Augustine Sanderson, A Charter Member of the Post. A Unique and Delightful Occasion. Lincoln's Centennial Birthday. Memorial Window to Memory of Comrade General Edmund Rice. Unveiling and Dedication. Memorial Services, Sunday, May 30. Address by Rev. Thomas Van Ness. Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett, Orator, May 31. Death of Past Commander Colonel Albert A. Pope and Subsequent Memorial Services. The Fortieth Anniversary at Young's. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Nathaniel Wales.

At the regular meeting in January, the officers were duly installed by Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief William M. Olin, assisted by Past Department Commander John E. Gilman, as Officer of the Day, viz. : —

Commander	Nathaniel Wales.
Senior Vice-Commander	Albion P. Pease.
Junior Vice-Commander	William Park.
Adjutant	Oliver P. Ricker.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Horace E. Marion, M.D.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Patriotic Instructor	John B. Lewis, Jr.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	George H. Guyer.
Sergeant-Major	Henry J. Bardwell.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Augustine Sanderson, Bowdoin S. Parker vice Sanderson, deceased, Alfred J. Knight, John C. Cook vice Knight, incapacitated.

Trustees of Post	Charles B. Amory, Ch., William H. Alline, Greenleaf A. Goodale.
Trustees of Relief Fund .	Albert W. Hersey, Ch., Ira B. Goodrich, George H. Graves.

LOSS OF A VALUED COMRADE

The opening year was saddened by the death of Past Commander Augustine Sanderson, January 4. He was the oldest and the last but two of the Charter members of Post No. 113, and the only Comrade who had continued his membership and devotion to the Post from its first institution to the day of his death. In many ways he was one of the most notable members of the Post.

His circle of acquaintances was large by reason of his personality, and the fact that, once met, he was seldom forgotten.

His funeral was largely attended by members and friends at the Chapel at Mount Auburn Cemetery. The G. A. R. ritual burial service was given by the Post. A sketch of his connection with the Post is given in Chapter XXI of this history.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION

The Post entertainments for the past few years, as heretofore noted, were, in many respects, eclipsed by the visit of Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett of Washington, D.C., who came to deliver her unique and pleasing impersonation, entitled, "Negro Folk-Lore — Stories of the Old South." The arrangements for this function having been fully made by the Commander and his Committee of the previous year, the details and its execution were also left in their hands. The new Commander, on account of illness, took no part and was not present during the day or evening.

The function proper commenced at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of January 27, with the introduction by Past Commander Parker of Mrs. Pickett to the officers of the present and the previous year and their ladies, in the Crystal Parlor of the Parker House; after which the company soon repaired to the smaller parlor adjoining, where a dainty and handsomely laid luncheon was provided by the officers, in honor of the distinguished guest.

At 3 o'clock, the party returned to the Crystal Parlors, and a general informal reception was held, at which a large number of the Comrades, Kinsley Associates and their ladies attended and paid their respects to Mrs. Pickett, who received them all with that ease, grace and delightful courtesy so characteristic of Southern ladies.

It was indeed a very enjoyable afternoon for all participating.

Before the hour fixed for the evening exercises, beautiful Ford Hall, draped with flags and ornamented by potted plants, was filled by a select and cultivated audience of ladies and gentlemen, friends and guests of the Post; no tickets being sold.

At 8 o'clock Past Commander Parker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, had the honor of escorting Mrs. Pickett and her friend, Mrs. J. Sewall Reed, upon the platform. After music by the Mozart (ladies) Quartette — who had also furnished acceptable music in the afternoon, both at the luncheon and the reception — Chairman Parker, with appropriate words of welcome and commendation, led the speaker of the evening forward and presented her to the audience, who received her with great cordiality and feeling. Mrs. Pickett, handsomely gowned, presented a most imposing and distinguished appearance; her grace, ease of manner and the charm of her smile, characteristic of her personality, at once captivated all hearts, and her audience were her friends and admirers.

The subject was new to those present, and the fact that her childhood days were passed on a Virginia plantation, where she heard the fascinating dialect — the real language — of the old-time slave, with the wealth of tradition and folk-lore, rendered her impersonation most effective and delightful.

It was really a revelation to every one — now bubbling with wit and humor, then soft and low with pathos; tender, imaginative, gay, grave and sympathetic, all bringing to life the inner feelings, superstitions and conceits of a servile people, such as can never exist again under similar conditions.

During the evening and at the conclusion of the lecture, generous applause was accorded. So many present desired to greet the lady personally, that an impromptu reception could not be avoided, and she very generously and cordially greeted all who pressed forward to take her hand. It was in many

respects the most unique, notable and best-appointed occasion ever offered for the pleasure of the Associates and friends of Post No. 113 by the Comrades. It well crowned the fine series of entertainments that had attracted the many guests for the two preceding years.

MEMORIAL TO GENERAL RICE

On Sunday, January 31, members of the Post, upon invitation, attended and took part in the dedication of a Memorial window at the Emmanuel Church, Wakefield, to the memory of General Edmund Rice, a former member of the Post. Past Commander Thomas R. Mathews delivered a very comprehensive and admirable sketch of General Rice's forty years' army service, in the Civil War, the Indian Campaigns and the Spanish-American War in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The exercises were interesting and impressive.

LINCOLN DAY

The public services in Boston in honor of the centennial birthday of Abraham Lincoln were of quite an elaborate character. Heretofore these annual birthday exercises have been mostly confined to the public schools, but this year public services were held in Symphony Hall, at which the Post with all the other G. A. R. bodies in and near Boston, attended on the evening of February. 12. Thousands of persons were unable to gain admission to the building. The Governor, Mayor and many distinguished persons were seated on the platform. Ex-Governor John D. Long delivered a most discriminating and eloquent oration on the life and times of Lincoln. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe read an original poem. The music was by the Symphony Orchestra, and of course of the highest excellence. It was a rare occasion and well worthy the day and the memory of so great and noble a man.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 30, the Post and Associates attended special services at the Second Church. The minister, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, a Kinsley Associate, delivered an able discourse, and was assisted in the services by Post Chaplain, Rev.

Edward A. Horton. The church was effectively decorated with flowers, and the musical selections were excellently rendered.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 31, was observed as Memorial Day.

The Post assembled at Headquarters at 8.30 A.M., and line was formed as follows: Detail of Police, the Coast Artillery Corps Band, the Seventh Company of Coast Artillery, Captain A. E. Hall commanding, as escort, the Kinsley Associates and Post.

The column marched to the State House, where, in the Hall of Flags, a short service was held consisting of the reading of an extract from Governor Andrew's speech on accepting the battle flags after the close of the Civil War, and the reading of a poem entitled "Nothing but Flags," concluding with the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the sounding of "Taps." This was additional to the usual exercises of the day, and was the first time a service of this nature had been performed in the Hall of Flags.

The march was then taken up to the Common, where the customary G. A. R. service was given at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. From thence, the column moved to Tremont Temple.

AT TREMONT TEMPLE

The large auditorium of the Temple was early filled, and many hundreds were unable to gain admission.

The decoration of the cenotaph and other exercises followed closely the established ritual; the instrumental music being by the band and the vocal by a select choir of one hundred voices from the East Boston High School, supported by a chorus of over one thousand children from the public schools, led by Mrs. Frances Dunton Wood, soprano, and directed by Mr. John O'Shea. "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" was finely recited by Master Harold Erlenbach, while the poem of the "Blue and the Gray" was given by Master Frederick Wennebach, both pupils of the Prince Grammar School.

But the event which attracted the great throng pressing for even a foothold within the building was the announcement

that Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett, widow of the famous Confederate Major-General George E. Pickett, whose division of Virginia troops led the great infantry charge on the Union lines on the third and last day of the terrible battle of Gettysburg in 1863 was to be the speaker of the day, taking for her subject the "Battle of Gettysburg viewed from the Confederate Side."

The appearance of Mrs. Pickett in Boston earlier in the year, as heretofore mentioned, had won her many friends and the circumstance of her being a Southern woman — a native of Virginia; and her close connection with the Southern cause, added to the fact that the Oration was to be delivered by a woman — something never but once previously done in all the forty years of the life of the Post — made the situation one of peculiar significance.

In introducing Mrs. Pickett to the audience, the Commander presented her with a bouquet of flowers, on the centre of which was formed the Stars and Stripes, while the badge of the Confederacy and that of the G. A. R. were on either side.

As Mrs. Pickett advanced to the desk to speak, she was greeted with tumultuous applause by the thousands within the auditorium.

Her presence and winning smile, with the grace and ease of her manner, inspired her audience from the start. She spoke without notes, clearly, powerfully and rapidly for seventy minutes, while the great assemblage, including the school children, sat spellbound by the eloquence of her periods and the power of her dramatic descriptions. Her address was frequently interrupted by applause, and at its conclusion the expression of approval broke forth into a mighty ovation.

At the close of the services, a throng pressed forward to personally meet, welcome and express their pleasure and admiration.

DINNER

The Post and Associates immediately after the Temple ceremonies repaired to Young's Hotel, where the traditional reunion and dinner were held. Commander Wales presided at the table and also acted as Toast-master; the following gentlemen spoke, — Department Senior Vice-Commander J. Willard Brown; Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., President of Tufts College; Rev. Thomas Van Ness; and Mr. Edward C. Brush.

PAST COMMANDER POPE

August 10, Past Commander Albert A. Pope passed from life at his summer home in Cohasset. His funeral was largely attended at the New Old South Church, Boston, by members of the Post, the Loyal Legion and other military gentlemen and his business associates.

The service was semi-military in character, solemn and impressive. Eight Sergeants of the National Lancers bore the body to and from the church.

A subsequent Memorial service was held September 5 at the Pope Memorial Church, North Cohasset, attended by a delegation from the Post. The service was conducted by Rev. Cecil Harper, the pastor. Past Commander George F. Hall spoke of Colonel Pope's military career and Comrade Rev. J. P. L. Bodfish of his business ability and achievements.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The fortieth Anniversary was looked upon as a sort of special milestone, and many a Comrade wondered musingly whether his life-hold or vitality was equal to another decade rounding out the half-century mark. But all were bright, cheerful, hopeful and looking the future full in the face, serenely content to bravely accept whate'er the new decade should betide.

The large parlor at Young's was early filled with one hundred forty Comrades, Associates and guests on the evening of Monday, November 22, and the reception — without any formal receiving save the cordial greetings of one and another — quickly brought the company to the main dining room, where so many happy hours had been passed together in the years gone by. Harry Daggett was on hand with his unrivalled orchestra, which during the banquet discoursed a rare collection of sweet harmony, and the boys seemed in their old happy, if not hilarious, spirits.

Commander Wales called the assembly to order after the several courses had been served, and without delay introduced Comrade Rev. and Colonel Edward Anderson as Toast-master of the evening; who, always at his best and of the best, quickly launched the postprandial enjoyment.

The first and principal speaker was ex-Governor John D.

Long, a Kinsley Associate, and, as an ex-Secretary of the Navy, led the way for the "Navy Night" as announced by the Toastmaster. He referred to the part taken by the young men in the Civil War, and, proceeding, marshalled a wonderful array of the world's young men, who had commanded armies and navies and directed governments and nations from the earliest times down through the centuries. It was difficult to realize the extent to which the destinies of the world had been formed and moulded by seemingly and really very young men — mere boys, as we should now regard them.

Following the Governor came Colonel William M. Olin, speaking wittily as ever; then Past Department Commander John E. Gilman sang "We Are the Boys," with all joining in the chorus. The "Silent Toast" was drunk to the memory of departed Comrades, and the speaking was then continued by George W. Cable, a Confederate Veteran; Captain J. Stearns Cushing, a Kinsley Associate; Colonel Edward H. Gihon, Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans; Department Commander John L. Parker; and Colonel R. H. Patterson, U. S. Army, commanding the forts about Boston. Mr. Dennis McCarthy, the Irish poet, read an original poem on the American Flag from the viewpoint of the foreigner. All of the speaking was excellent and appropriate to the occasion.

Among the many distinguished gentlemen present may be named General N. A. M. Dudley, U. S. Army (retired), Rear Admiral H. G. O. Colby, U. S. Navy (retired), Mr. A. Shuman and Mr. Stratton D. Brooks.

Altogether, it was a joyful anniversary, and every one seemed not only glad, but happy, to have been privileged to be present.

MINOR EVENTS

On Lincoln's Centennial Birthday, February 12, when the Post had assembled at Headquarters, and finished the supper, Comrade Henry H. Robinson arose and modestly presented to the Post a fine bust of Lincoln. Following, as it did, several previous gifts from him, it was received with much warmth of feeling and applause. At the October meeting, Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson read a paper on the subject "The Indians in the Civil War." He went into the particulars of the efforts of the Southern leaders to commit the Indian tribes to the

Confederacy and its partial success; also giving a vivid account of the fierce fights between the tribes in the Indian Territory and the extreme suffering endured by those upon the Union side. It was a bit of real war story new to his hearers and eagerly absorbed.

Donations were as follows: books for the Post Library by Comrade General Greenleaf A. Goodale and Kinsley Associate Dr. John Dixwell; a fine picture of Major-General Joseph Hooker by Lieutenant-General J. Franklin Bell, U. S. Army; a sum of money by Past Department Commander Silas A. Barton, and a photograph of Confederate soldier John Buck, who was buried a few years since by Post No. 113, presented by Dr. John Dixwell.

The losses for the year, in addition to Past Commanders Sanderson and Pope, were Comrades Dr. Charles B. Tower, May 14; Edwin P. Longley, August 2; Stephen M. Crosby, August 31; and Nathan B. Boutwell, November 13.

James A. Davis and Charles A. Jones, valued Kinsley Associates, also passed beyond.

COMMANDER NATHANIEL WALES

Service, Civil War.	24th Mass. Infantry. Private; 1st Sergeant.
	32d Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant.
	35th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant; Major; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel. U. S Volunteers.
Service, M. V. M.	New England Guards.
	1st Battalion Infantry. Lieutenant-Colonel.
	1st Regiment Infantry. Colonel.
	1st Brigade. Brigadier-General.

Commander Wales, like most of the earlier members of the Post, came by transfer from John A. Andrew Post No. 15.

He continued his membership till 1882, at which time he withdrew. After an absence of about twenty years he returned to the city and renewed his membership.

As a military man, his experience both during the Civil War and as a commanding officer in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia was exceptional and highly honorable.

No unusual public events occurred during his term as Post Commander, but the two leading celebrations of Memorial Day and Anniversary passed off with much success.

CHAPTER XLV

Nineteen Hundred Ten

Installation of Officers. Renewed Courtesies to Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett. Reception to Mrs. Pickett and Dinner by Post Members and Ladies at Algonquin Club. Memorial Observances. General John C. Black, Orator. The Dinner and Afternoon Exercises at Ford Building. Reception to Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman. The Forty-first Anniversary Banquet at Young's. Presentation of Notable Historic War Flask to Post by Mrs. Pickett. The Largest Necrology of Members. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander Albion P. Pease.

At the regular meeting in January, the officers were duly installed by Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, William M. Olin, assisted by Past Department Commander John E. Gilman, as Officer of the Day, viz.: —

Commander	Albion P. Pease.
Senior Vice-Commander	William Park.
Junior Vice-Commander	William E. Murdock.
Adjutant	Oliver P. Ricker.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Horace E. Marion, M.D.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Patriotic Instructor	John B. Lewis, Jr.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	Geoege H. Guyer.
Sergeant-Major	Henry J. Bardwell.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker, Alfred J. Knight, John C. Cook, vice Knight, incapacitated.
Trustees of Post	Charles B. Amory, Ch., William H. Alline, Greenleaf A. Goodale.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Albert W. Hersey, Ch., Ira B. Goodrich, George H. Graves.

ALBION P. PEASE
Post Commander, 1910

MRS. PICKETT A GUEST OF POST NO. 113

Early in the year, Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett again came to Boston, to fill an engagement at Keith's Theatre. It was a unique undertaking on her part, and consisted in reciting a portion of her lecture on the "Battle of Gettysburg," each afternoon and evening during the first week, and reminiscences of "Friends I have Known," which included President Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Generals Grant and Lee and other leading figures of the Civil War period, the second week.

She was met upon her arrival by a committee of Post No. 113, consisting of Commander Pease, Chairman, and Comrades Wales, Mathews, Amory and Mitchell, and given a breakfast at the Touraine. On the opening night at the Theatre, her appearance was welcomed by the members and Associates with their ladies filling the body of the auditorium, whose applause and flower tokens were most generous.

During her subsequent stay she was literally overwhelmed by the various courtesies extended on every hand. She was received by Governor and Mrs. Draper at the State House on the evening of the Governor's Annual Public Reception to the members of the legislature and their ladies, and the following day she visited the House legislative branch, by invitation, which suspended its business in order to meet her and listen to a short address. Upon this occasion the great doors of the House were opened for the first time in history to a woman, the Sergeant-at-Arms officially escorting her and Commander Pease to the Rostrum.

A dinner was tendered Mrs. Pickett on the evening of March 30 at the Algonquin Club by the Committee, and attended by the Committee and prominent members of the Post with their ladies. After the dinner they adjourned to Ford Hall, where a musicale was given by Dr. John Dixwell. At its close, Commander Pease conducted Mrs. Pickett to the platform, where she gave a twenty-minute talk on reminiscences of the South. Her stay of two weeks was most successful both socially and professionally.

SONS OF VETERANS

The subject was again considered at the March meeting of organizing a Camp of the Sons of Veterans in connection with the Post, but, as before, was deemed inexpedient.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30 witnessed a repetition of the oft-told tale of the unrivalled ceremonies conducted by the Post, in honor of the patriot dead, and the UNION their valor and devotion aided in maintaining.

The parade, the exercises at the Monument on the Common and at Tremont Temple, followed the usual programme. The Orator of the Day was General John C. Black, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, whose eloquent periods were closely followed by the great assembly. The vocal music, as for the past two years, was rendered by the public school children, numbering over one thousand, and exceeded in excellence that of previous years. In the afternoon, a reception was held at Blackmar Hall — the Post headquarters — followed by a dinner set in Kingsley Hall of Ford Building. Daggett's Orchestra furnished the music.

The after-dinner exercises proved of unusual interest and merit. Commander Pease presided, and the following gentlemen were called upon: Colonel Robert H. Patterson, U. S. Army, spoke for the United States; Captain J. Stearns Cushing, of the Governor's Council, represented the State; and John E. Gilman, Past Department Commander, spoke for the Grand Army. The other speakers were: Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton; Rev. Thomas Van Ness; Comrades Charles B. Armory and Comrade George E. Mitchell; Mr. Stratton D. Brooks, Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools, and Captain Bennett, U. S. Army; concluding with a few choice words by General Black.

As a whole, the exercises were well carried out, the attendance satisfactory, and the observance of the day a success.

RECEPTION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GILMAN

Post No. 26 of Roxbury, of which Comrade John E. Gilman, Commander-in-Chief, was a member, inaugurated a grand

reception and Camp Fire in his honor at Faneuil Hall, the evening of November 19, to which all the Posts of the Department were invited. Post No. 113, of which Comrade Gilman was an Associate Member, was prominent in carrying out the details, serving as the Reception Committee of the evening. Only members of the Grand Army were admitted, but the hall was crowded with Comrades representing some thirty Posts in the State.

The beautiful ceremony of "Trooping the Colors" was performed amid great enthusiasm. The music was furnished by Post No. 26 Band of twenty-eight pieces, "Billy Olin's Gang," "Gideon's Band," of Post No. 36, Arlington, and the Lotus Male Quartette.

As a personal tribute of affectionate regard it was never exceeded.

The Commander-in-Chief received and greeted each Comrade present, afterwards making a most tender and feeling address. Other speakers voiced the sentiments of the Comrades.

ANNIVERSARY

The forty-first Anniversary was held at Young's, November 22, with John E. Gilman, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., as principal guest. After the formal banquet, which was interspersed with the "old songs," Commander Pease called to attention. He welcomed all to the delightful occasion and presented letters of regret from Governor Draper, Lieutenant-Governor Frothingham, Mayor Fitzgerald and others, including the following communication from Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett, the Memorial Day Orator of the previous year: —

"The Ontario, Washington, D.C.

"Major Albion P. Pease, Commander of Post No. 113,

"*My dear Comrade:*

"I am sending through you a little flask, which I will greatly appreciate if you will give, in my soldier's name, to our Post No. 113. It was a bridal present to him from my grandmother, Elizabeth Underwood Phillips, and is filled with many a sacred memory. I know that my general would like our Post to have this little souvenir, and I am going to ask them to make of the little cup at the bottom a 'loving-cup,' in memory of him.

"Faithfully yours,

"La Salle Corbell Pickett."

Accompanying the letter was a handsome silver flask, which General Pickett carried during the Civil War. The gift was received with great enthusiasm by the assembled Veterans and friends.

Hon. J. Stearns Cushing, a Kinsley Associate, was then presented as Toast-master of the evening, and in felicitous words introduced the following speakers: General James G. White, who spoke for "The Commonwealth." The next toast was "The City of Boston"; in the absence of his Honor the Mayor, the orchestra rendered "Sweet Adeline," and the assembled Company joined in the singing.

Commander-in-Chief Gilman, an Honorary Life Associate Member of the Post, received an ovation upon rising to speak for the Grand Army, bespeaking the honor and affection with which he was regarded by the members and friends of Post No. 113. He was followed by General Philip Reade, U. S. Army (retired), Associate Hon. James J. Myers, Granville E. Fiske, Senior Vice-Department Commander, and Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton; the latter paying a feeling tribute to "Our Departed Comrades," referring especially to Comrade Myron W. Whitney, the sweet singer who had but recently been taken. A "Silent Toast" was drunk to the memory of the departed Comrades.

Many officers of the U. S. Army and Navy, together with officers of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, were in attendance. Daggett's Orchestra furnished the instrumental music. The occasion added another to the celebrated Anniversary banquets of this popular Post.

MINOR EVENTS

Many of the meetings were enlivened by various interesting events.

In February, Comrade Henry M. Upham read a paper on Benjamin Franklin.

In March, Mr. Torrance Parker read extracts from the diary of his father, Lieutenant David B. Parker of the 72d New York Volunteers, and Superintendent of the U. S. Mails, Army of the Potomac, relating to his Civil War experiences.

The same month, a fine vocal and instrumental concert was given in Ford Hall by well-known artists, through the generosity

of Associate Member Dr. John Dixwell, whose many kindnesses and great interest in the Post had been most conspicuous.

In April, Captain Charles M. Fuller delivered a lecture, with stereopticon views on the "Evolution of the Battleship," with personal reminiscences of service under Admiral Farragut.

In May, Comrade Bowdoin S. Parker, Post Historian, gave a synopsis, and read extracts of the early Post History from his manuscript.

November 16, Comrade William Park read extracts from a history entitled "A Light Battery's Experience at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863," referring to the part taken by the 9th Massachusetts Light Battery in which he served during the Civil War.

December 5, the Post acted as escort to Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman and Staff, and his Hon. Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, at the opening of the Woman's Relief Corps Fair held in Faneuil Hall. Appropriate addresses were made by the Commander-in-Chief and Mayor.

December 21, Captain Isaac P. Gragg read a paper entitled, "Incidents in Connection with the Wounding of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson at Chancellorsville, May, 1863." Captain Gragg explained by a large plan or sketch the positions and movements of the contending forces, and related incidents within his personal observation.

The necrology of the year included a larger number of Comrades than ever before: —

William Wallace Waugh, March 4.
Samuel L. Dutton, M.D., May 27.
Henry W. Taylor, July 13.
Alfred J. Knight, September 15.
Myron W. Whitney, September 17.
Gustave Magnitzky, September 19.
Edwin H. Woods, October 11.
James W. Cartwright, October 14.
James Tucker, November 26.
John W. Page, December 17.

Ten Comrades brave and true entered the higher life. Present membership one hundred eleven, the smallest since the year 1887.

COMMANDER ALBION P. PEASE

Service, Civil War.	5th Mass. Infantry.
Service, M. V. M.	5th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant.
Service, Missouri National Guard.	7th Mo. Infantry. Major.

The usual Post functions occurred during the year. Two new members were added to the Post, a circumstance that seldom happened at this late day; also, several patriotic gentlemen were added to the roll of the Kinsley Associates. One of the two Comrades mustered, mentioned above, was Rear Admiral H. G. O. Colby, U. S. Navy (retired), and an old schoolmate of Commander Pease.

The celebrations of Memorial Day and Post Anniversary were both well attended, and carried out to general acceptance.

The attendance at stated meetings was larger than the previous year, while the membership seemed more united and responsive.

Commander Pease represented the Post in an energetic manner, and his service as Chairman of the Special Committee on the Entertainment of Mrs. Pickett was noteworthy and efficient. Possessing rare executive ability, he had no difficulty in carrying out any plans of work in which he was really interested; and, notwithstanding the loss of so large a percentage of the total membership during his term of office, the Post was relatively in a stronger position, all things considered, at the close of his administration than when he took command.

His long and varied service in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic is worthy of special mention. Viz.: Charter Member Post No. 10, Department of Maine, 1868; Officer of the Guard Post No. 11, Department of Mass., 1879; Adjutant Posts Nos. 3 and 4, Department of Missouri, 1880; 1882. Asst. Adjutant-General, Department of Missouri, 1882; 3–4. Commander of Post No. 4, Department of Missouri, 1904; Commander of Post No. 113, Department of Mass., 1910.

WILLIAM PARK
Post Commander, 1911

CHAPTER XLVI

Nineteen Hundred Eleven

Installation of Officers. Time's Changes in Methods. Memorial Services. General Horatio C. King, Orator. Extracts from his Poems. Society of the Army of the Potomac at Providence. The Forty-Second Anniversary. Loss of Comrade William M. Olin. Minor Events. Sketch of Commander William Park.

AT the first meeting of the year, in the presence of seventy-four Comrades and Kinsley Associates, the officers were duly installed by Past-Commander Bowdoin S. Parker, Assistant Department Inspector, Comrade Charles E. Pierce, as Officer of the Day.

Commander	William Park.
Senior Vice-Commander	William E. Murdock.
Junior Vice-Commander	Newman W. Storer.
Adjutant	Oliver P. Ricker.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Horace E. Marion, M.D.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Patriotic Instructor	John B. Lewis, Jr.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
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Sergeant-Major	Henry J. Bardwell.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker, John C. Cook.
Trustees of Post	Charles B. Amory, Ch., William H. Alline, Greenleaf A. Goodale.
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time's changes in methods

As time passes, its influence may be distinctly traced in the changes in methods adopted by the Post. Formerly the mem-

bers were quite willing to turn out as an organization upon parades and celebrations of a public character, together with semi-public social functions. The foregoing pages fully attest the numerous occasions upon which the Post has taken a conspicuous part. Now, all is changed in this respect, and the social meetings, musicales, lectures, addresses and papers, heard and enjoyed only by the members, the Associates and specially invited friends, have quite superseded the former general functions for which the Post was so justly celebrated.

During the present year these very interesting home events averaged more than one each month, affording many delightful hours and drawing the members together into still closer companionship.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Sunday, May 28, the Post attended, by invitation, Tremont Temple, and listened to an interesting address by the pastor, Rev. Courtland Myers; his subject being "War."

MAY THIRTIETH

Memorial Day was fittingly observed by the usual loving duties and tender ceremonies.

First came the decorative remembrances of the graves of one hundred and two deceased Comrades of the Post, four Comrades of other Posts, seventy-four other Veterans, one Confederate Veteran, together with the decoration of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common, five statues at the State House, thirteen memorial tablets in churches and schools and the grave of Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis.

Following the above were the public services at the Monument and at Tremont Temple. The military escort was the Seventh Company Coast Artillery Corps, led by the Coast Artillery Corps Band.

Arrangements had been made for the attendance of the public school children at the Temple ceremonies as in previous years, but for some unexplained reason they were not allowed to attend.

The inspiration of their bright eager faces was missed, and the opportunity of increasing their patriotism and love of country and the Flag by the admirable and instructive ceremonies and

addresses was lost. The vocal music for the past two years had been rendered most acceptable by the thousand children in attendance. In their absence the musical programme was carried out by the Beethoven, Harvard and Schubert quartettes, with Mrs. Francis Dutton Brown, soprano, and the Coast Artillery Corps Band. "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" was effectively recited by Master Walter A. Burke of the Mather School, Dorchester.

General Horatio C. King of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the Orator of the Day. He was awarded a congressional medal of honor for distinguished bravery in the Civil War. His subject, "Looking Back," was most acceptably handled through the recital of his varied personal experiences during his war service. He illustrated his points by many amusing stories which served to hold the close attention of the audience. In many respects it was one of the most pleasing addresses heard upon such an occasion for many years. His address was subsequently printed by the Post. A few extracts, including an original poem, may well find a place here.

"Upon these anniversary occasions, when time is wiped out, — you might say, has slipped past us, — we get the old youthful feeling, and there come back into the heart the sweet memories and the severe memories of those dreadful days of the four long years of war, yet so tinctured and punctuated all the time with pleasant incidents, the songs, the camp fire, the jests, that after all, looking back, it seems somewhat of a great picnic, you might say. We forget the hard tasks, but we remember those delightful things that cemented the friendships which I think are stronger than any of the friendships on the face of the earth.

"And so with your permission I will talk a little of the times that are past, realizing that there are in this audience a vast number to whom the War is simply a tradition, and that they may be glad to hear from the lips of one who participated in it something of the personal experiences of those days. I know we are getting along to that period of life when the younger generation certainly begin to look up to us as sort of dime museum curiosities. We are relics of a great tradition, and perhaps the few words that I may say upon this subject may be a sort of object lesson to them which they will carry away and remember long after we have passed over to the majority.

"With your permission I will read a little poem. Like Silas Wegg, I occasionally 'drap' into poetry, and this was suggested by the reminiscences of the past fifty years: —

"'The fleeting years, full fifty now, are numbered with the past,
And memory, with all its joys and griefs, comes trooping fast.
But first and foremost of them all stand forth in bold relief
The days when you and I went forth to battle, — these are chief.
We hear the rattle of the drum, the bugle's lively play,
The tiresome march, the dusty roads, the halt at close of day,
The gleaming camp fire's ruddy glow, the story, jest and song,
And then the hours of blessed sleep that make the heart grow strong.
The reveille at break of day, the hurrying to and fro,
The long roll with its gruesome call, as facing death we go
Into the storm of leaden hail, of shrieking shot and shell,
To realize what Sherman said, that war — why, war is hell.
The hopes and fears that filled our hearts as wavering lines were broke
And straining eyes peered eagerly to pierce the veil of smoke
That hid perchance the advancing line, the reënforcements true,
That drove the exultant rebels back, gave victory to the Blue.
And then, alas, the morning roll along the shortened line,
The voices now that answer not until the Power Divine
Shall rouse them from their shallow trench to hear the approving Lord:
These for their God and country died, and great is their reward.
All quiet along the Potomac now. The mud-stained tents are down,
The fires are out, the drums are dumb, of war there is no sound,
But o'er the land that we preserved our flag still flies unfurled,
The benison of future years, the glory of the world.'

(*Applause.*)

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"But while we are growing old, I think we still maintain a bright, youthful spirit, and I don't believe there are many of us that look forward to the passing over to the majority with any great fear or apprehension. The problem of death is simple, the same as the problem of birth. We come and we go, and we know we have to go. I don't know that we should be as indifferent about it as was the officer at Gettysburg. You know when his men were wavering and holding back, he waved his sword and cried: 'What is the matter with you? Do you want to live forever?' Well, we don't want to live forever. This is my idea of growing old, which a friend sent me from the West: —

"'A little more tired at close of day,
A little less anxious to have our way,
A little less ready to scold and blame,
A little more care for a brother's name;
And so we are nearing the journey's end,
Where time and eternity meet and blend.
A little less care for bonds and gold,
A little more zest in the days of old,
A broader view and a saner mind
And a little more love for all mankind.

And so we are faring down the way.
A little more love for the friends of youth,
A little less zeal for established truth,
A little more charity in our views,
A little less thirst for the daily news.
And so we are folding our tents away,
Passing in silence at close of day.
A little more leisure to sit and dream,
A little more real the things unseen,
A little more near to those ahead
With visions of those long loved and dead:
Thrice happy, then, if some soul can say,
I live because he has passed my way.'

(*Applause.*)

"In imagination, sometimes, I think I see the old Comrades that have gone before, looking over the battlements of heaven, witnessing us in our joys and in our sorrows and holding forth their arms to give us that welcome which we shall all receive when we too shall have 'crossed over the river to rest beneath the shadow of the trees.' God grant, my dear Comrades, that you and I will all meet at that grand reunion, that eternal camp fire, where we shall be united in joy and peace and happiness and rest forever, and, in the language of our dear old poet laureate — General McQuade —

"'When life's campaign is at an end, and we are mustered out,
The Yankee cheer and rebel yell shall mingle in one shout.
We will greet our old antagonists and then no more shall know
Nor Union nor Confederate, with Benny Haven, O.'"

(*Applause.*)

DINNER

The afternoon reunion was held at the Post Headquarters, Ford Building, dinner being served in Kingsley Hall, at which the Orator of the Day, Comrades, Associates and invited guests attended.

Commander Park presided and introduced Comrade Rev. Edward Anderson as Toast-master, who, after a very witty and characteristic speech, presented the following gentlemen, each of whom responded in a most entertaining manner: General Horatio C. King, Hon. James J. Myers, Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., Hon. J. Stearns Cushing, Colonel Robert H. Patterson, U. S. Army, Hon. William A. Morse and Rev. Ernest S. Meredith.

SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

By invitation, the Post and Associates attended the Anniversary reunion of the Society named at Providence, R.I., which continued two days, September 15 and 16. Great attention and many courtesies were extended by the city and members of the Society to the visiting guests.

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

November 22, the Post Anniversary, always one of the banner gatherings of the year, was held at Young's Hotel. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. The customary reception to the Associates and invited guests preceded the formal banquet, after which Commander Park welcomed all in a brief speech, and a "Silent Toast" was drunk in memory of departed Comrades, the orchestra playing "The Vacant Chair." Congratulations of the Post were sent to General Daniel E. Sickles and Mrs. Pickett.

Associate Member Hon. James J. Myers was presented as the Toast-master of the evening, who performed the duties of his position acceptably.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman, the first speaker, gave a sketch of his recent visit to Petersburg, Va., as a member of a Massachusetts delegation, and especially referred to the grand reception accorded them by the Confederate Veterans. The other speakers were: Department Commander Granville C. Fiske, Comrade Colonel Edward Anderson, General Philip Reade, U. S. Army (retired), Assistant Adjutant-General W. A. Wetherbee, Associate Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., President of Tufts College, and Associate Lafayette G. Blair.

National Patriotic Instructor, Comrade John B. Lewis, read a congratulatory message from Commander-in-Chief Trimble of Illinois. "Auld Lang Syne" closed another of those rare occasions which never grow stale and continue to bring the joy of youth to every heart.

MINOR EVENTS

At the January meeting Associate Member Lafayette G. Blair gave a very interesting talk upon his personal reminiscences and life previous to and during the Civil War.

February 16, Associate John Dixwell, M.D., provided a rare musical entertainment in Ford Hall, which was attended by the Post, Associates and their ladies and guests.

At the February meeting, Captain John Stuart Barrows, Commander of the National Lancers, gave numerous selections of prose and poetry of his own composition.

At the March meeting, Captain Richard Robins, late of the 39th Infantry, U. S. Army, read a paper entitled "Personal Experiences at Gettysburg with the Regulars," which was listened to with interest.

April 10, a lecture by Mr. D. H. MacMillan on the "Arctic Region" with stereopticon views was provided by Comrade William E. Murdock, Senior Vice-Commander, in Ford Hall. He spoke largely from his personal experiences in Arctic exploration, and the large audience of members, Associates, guests and their ladies were well repaid for their attendance.

April 28, Comrade Charles Mason Fuller gave an illustrated lecture on the "West Indie Islands." It was an instructive evening.

At the November meeting, Past Commander Wales read extracts from the History of the Regiment in which he served, upon "The Siege of Knoxville, Tenn.," interspersed with personal recollections.

At the December meeting, Comrade Greenleaf A. Goodale read a paper on the correspondence between Colonel Clark and General Baldy Smith, relative to the assault at the "Bloody Angle."

The same evening, John Gordon, Esq., delivered a lecture on his experiences in the Soudan from 1882 to 1886, as a member of the 42d Royal Highlanders, "The Black Watch Regiment."

All of the entertainments, lectures and public occasions were attended by the associate members who have been cordially welcomed by the Comrades.

The regular business meetings of the Post for the past three years have been very informal and poorly attended; during the present year this condition has been notably true. The entertainments when held the same evening and coming before the business meeting may account for the falling off in attendance upon the latter. The change is certainly quite in contrast with the large, lively and interesting Post meetings of former years.

Four esteemed Comrades passed to the higher life during the year, viz. : —

Franklin G. Bixby, July 5.
Edward F. Gaskin, July 11.
Walter Burns, July 12.
George E. Mitchell, September 11.

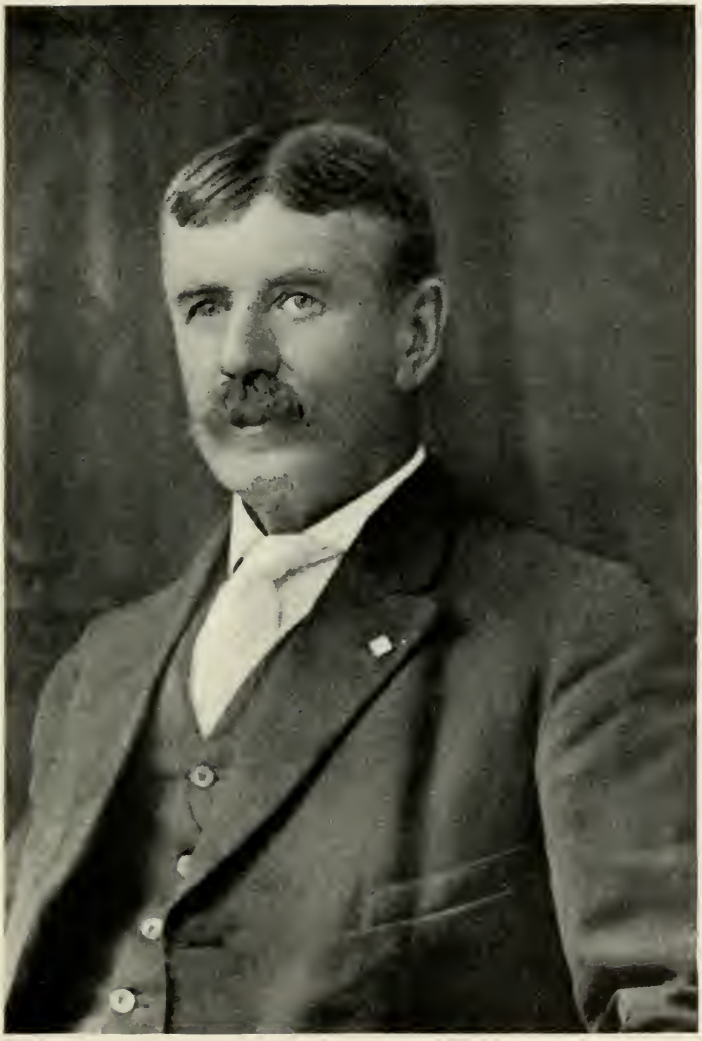
To these must be added Colonel William M. Olin, an Honorary Life Kinsley Associate Member and one of the best known Grand Army Comrades in the Department. He was a Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and a firm friend of Post No. 113.

"Then let us be proud of our little bronze button,
And wear it with spirit both loyal and bold;
Fraternally welcome each one who supports it,
With love in our hearts for our Comrades of old."

COMMANDER WILLIAM PARK

Service, Civil War. 9th Mass. Light Battery. 2d Lieutenant.

The administration of Commander Park was without unusual feature. He was zealous in the performance of the details of his office, especially in visiting the sick, attending the funeral obsequies of deceased Comrades, and in a quiet and unostentatious way advancing the interests of the Post. It was a year of peace with many occasions of special pleasure.



JAMES D. LEATHERBEE
Post Commander, 1912

CHAPTER XLVII

Nineteen Hundred Twelve

Washington's Birthday. Patriot's Day. Memorial Observances. Dr. Charles Fleischer, Orator. "Old Glory" in a Confederate Home. The Forty-third Anniversary. Minor Events. Necrology of the Year. Sketch of Commander James D. Leatherbee.

THE officers were installed at the January meeting, in the presence of the Members, Associates and invited guests, by Comrade William L. Gage of Post No. 87, with Senior Vice-Department Commander George A. Hosley, of Post No. 11, as Officer of the Day.

Commander	James D. Leatherbee.
Senior Vice-Commander	Alexander M. Ferris.
Junior Vice-Commander	James M. Simpson.
Adjutant	Oliver P. Ricker.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Horace E. Marion, M.D.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Patriotic Instructor	John B. Lewis, Jr.
Officer of the Day	George H. Guyer.
Officer of the Guard	Henry G. Weston.
Sergeant-Major	Henry J. Bardwell.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	J. Howard Sullivan.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker, John C. Cook.
Trustees of Post	Charles B. Amory, Ch., William H. Alline, Greenleaf A. Goodale.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Albert W. Hersey, Ch., Ira B. Goodrich, George H. Graves.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The first general assembly of the Members, Associates and guests was held February 22, at the headquarters, with a lunch

in Kingsley Hall. Music by the Schubert Quartette. The Commander read a paper on "An Incident of the Siege of Yorktown, in April, 1862," and several addresses were made.

PATRIOT'S DAY

A second assembly similar to the foregoing was held April 19, at which Comrade James M. Simpson read an extremely interesting paper on "Reminiscences of Army Service in the First District of Columbia Cavalry." Several additional features appropriately filled out the patriotic day.

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, May 26, the Post and Associates attended the Arlington Street Church and listened to an inspiring sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30 was fittingly observed on the general plan of previous years.

The line was formed with the Coast Artillery Corps Band and the Seventh Company of Coast Artillery Corps acting as escort. A short service was held in the Hall of Flags at the State House, at which the poem "Nothing But Flags" was read by Master John Martin, a pupil of the Lincoln School. The exercises at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common and in Tremont Temple followed. The musical programme at the Temple was largely given up to the chorus singing of the public school children numbering over one thousand, the Glee Clubs of the English High School and High School of Commerce and instrumental selections by the English High School Orchestra. Altogether, it was one of the most pleasing and agreeable musical combinations ever given upon such an occasion.

"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" was recited by Master Max Alfred, a pupil of the Wendell Phillips School, who was generously applauded.

A specially designed Kinsley Post button was presented to the lads who had assisted the Comrades in decorating the graves, earlier in the day.

The Oration was delivered by Dr. Charles Fleischer, his

theme being "Our Country's Cause." It was so much admired that Kinsley Associate Hon. J. Stearns Cushing printed the Oration and presented it to the Post for general distribution.

In the afternoon an enjoyable home reunion, dinner and speeches filled out a very creditable celebration. Among the speakers in the afternoon were Dr. Charles Fleischer, Rev. Thomas Van Ness and General Morris Schaff.

"OLD GLORY" IN A CONFEDERATE HOME

An incident peculiar to Post No. 113 was the presentation of a handsome United States Flag with one hundred thirteen dollars to the Confederate Soldiers' Home at New Orleans, La. A hearty welcome was given the Flag by the old Confederates on July 4, and the money sent provided them means for suitable entertainment.

The Flag now has the place of honor at the head of the meeting room in the Home.

Strong words of patriotism, loyalty and gratitude were freely expressed by the Confederate Veterans.

ANNIVERSARY

November 22 found the Comrades, Associates and guests, to the number of one hundred nineteen, assembled to renew allegiance to each other and the Flag at Young's for the forty-third Post Anniversary. After the usual reception and greetings the Company entered the main dining room which had been decorated more profusely than ever before and were seated at the banquet board.

The menu finished, the Commander called to order and welcomed all to the great Post festival of the year. The Comrades "gone before" were remembered by all standing, while the orchestra rendered the refrain of "The Vacant Chair."

Kinsley Associate, the Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D., was then announced as Toast-master, who, after a short address, introduced the following gentlemen: —

Captain De Witt Coffman, U. S. Navy.

Department Commander George A. Hosley.

Captain Kramer, a Confederate Veteran.

Dr. Snedden, of State Board of Education.

Dr. Dyer, Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools.

Letters were read from Lafayette Post No. 140 of New York, Associate John Hays Hammond and Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby.

The keynote of most of the speakers was the subject of teaching patriotism to the rising generation, to whom the Civil War and what it means was but a matter of history. The addresses were thoughtful and worthy the day and the occasion.

The assembly was dismissed much earlier than ever before. It was a social occasion, but not one of the "red letter" anniversaries.

MINOR EVENTS

Several excellent papers were presented at the monthly meetings during the year: —

Professor Henry Helm Clayton of Harvard University on "Aërial Navigation," with illustrations.

Comrade Alexander M. Ferris, a paper entitled "The 19th Army Corps and the 30th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry."

Comrade Dr. Horace E. Marion, a paper entitled "A Boy with a Gun in the Civil War."

Comrade Frank E. Orcutt, a paper on "His Experiences as a Land-lubber in Command of a Portion of 'Uncle Sam's' Navy, in the Gulf of Mexico, in the Year 1864."

Comrade Henry G. Weston, an address on his "Personal Reminiscences."

Comrade Arthur Hooper, a paper on his "Personal Experiences during the Civil War."

Associate Dr. John Dixwell provided two splendid concerts during the year for the Post and its friends in Ford Hall, which were fully attended. The music was of a high order, and the entertainment was varied and enthusiastically received by the delighted audiences.

Commander-in-Chief Alfred B. Beers honored the Post by a brief visit, December 18, which was greatly appreciated.

Generous donations of money, books and other articles were made to the Post.

A pleasant surprise to Comrade Oliver P. Ricker was the gift of a diamond-studded scarf pin from Post Comrades, in recognition of his devotion to his duties as Post Adjutant; also the presenting to William Park, the retiring Commander, at the

January meeting, of a handsomely framed copy of "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."

The Post donated one hundred thirteen dollars to the "Mrs. Abraham Lincoln Memorial Fund"; also sums to the "Lincoln University Endowment Association" and also to other worthy patriotic objects, not neglecting the charity due the needy Veterans or the widows and orphans of departed Comrades.

The following Comrades and Associates were "mustered out," viz.: —

Samuel Clarence Ellis, January 22,
Henry G. Wheelock, June 1,
Silas Sanborn, June 14,
Henry S. Fisher, July 27,
Charles H. Spencer, August 14,
Alfred H. Kinsley, September 5,
Charles H. Boardman, September 18,
J. Waldo Denny, December 4,
Charles G. Davis, December 30.

Kinsley Associates

Henry N. Sawyer, July 12,
Thomas Hooper, November 22,
Lafayette G. Blair, December 6.

COMMANDER JAMES D. LEATHERBEE

Service in Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry.

He was highly recommended for a Commission as Lieutenant by his Captain, C. B. Baldwin, and his regimental Commander, Colonel Robert Cowdin.

Commander Leatherbee attended to the numerous details of his position with fidelity, and his administration was well supported by the Comrades.

The social side was carefully cultivated, and the growing tendency in this direction of late years has brought the Members and Associates into closer relations, whereby the organization has been benefited and strengthened in several ways.

Notwithstanding the loss of many valued Comrades and the consequent decrease in numbers, the Post is still strong, vigilant and prosperous. To this condition Commander Leatherbee's efforts as Commander and as a subordinate officer for many years has materially contributed.

CHAPTER XLVIII

Nineteen Hundred Thirteen

The Opening Meeting. The Social Side. A Historic Memorial Observance. Memorial Sunday. Ceremonies Memorial Day. The Blue and the Gray Unite to Honor the Soldier Dead. Address of Commander Ferris. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Oration by Hon. William A. Morse. Reception and Luncheon. Colonel J. F. Burke Decorated. Speech of Colonel Burke. Press Comments. The Gettysburg Semi-Centennial. Current Thoughts on the Semi-Centennial. Sketch of Commander Alexander M. Ferris.

INSTALLATION

THE following officers were installed by Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Gilman, Comrade Frank Bell of Post No. 26 acting as Officer of the Day:

Commander	Alexander M. Ferris.
Senior Vice-Commander	James M. Simpson.
Junior Vice-Commander	Frank E. Orcutt.
Adjutant	Oliver P. Ricker.
Quartermaster	Arthur Hooper.
Surgeon	Horace E. Marion, M.D.
Chaplain	Rev. Edward A. Horton.
Patriotic Instructor	John B. Lewis.
Officer of the Day	James D. Leatherbee.
Officer of the Guard	Henry G. Weston.
Sergeant-Major	Henry J. Bardwell.
Quartermaster-Sergeant	E. I. Armington.
Council of Administration	Ephraim B. Stillings, Ch., Bowdoin S. Parker, John C. Cook.
Trustees of Post	Charles B. Amory, Ch., William H. Alline, Greenleaf A. Goodale.
Trustees of Relief Fund	Albert W. Hersey, Ch., Ira B. Goodrich, George H. Graves.

ALEXANDER M. FERRIS
Post Commander, 1913

THE OPENING MEETING

The opening meeting of the year, held January 15, was largely attended, and the newly installed board of officers was given a royal send-off.

THE SOCIAL SIDE

It was evident that the social side, prominent for a few years previous, was to be assiduously cultivated. It was fitting that this should be so, as active public functions, particularly if they involved much marching or considerable physical fatigue, were ill advised for the "Old Boys," though still young in spirit.

The real delight experienced in listening to Civil War reminiscences seemed to be increasing as the years advance and the sense of reality dimmed into memory. Each war paper given only increased the avidity for more.

AN HISTORIC MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The forty-sixth annual Memorial Day, May 30, 1913, was a historic event for Post No. 113. It was the culmination of a series of remarkable celebrations carrying out the "113 Idea" relating to fraternity and charity between the Veterans of 1861 to 1865, North and South, and the teaching of patriotism and unity of the Republic.

It was occasioned by the visit of the "Old Guard" of the Gate City Guards of Atlanta, Georgia. This organization, one of the oldest in the United States, antedating the Civil War, and one of the first to offer its services to the Confederate cause, was also the first to visit the Northern cities after the close of the War, on the patriotic mission of illustrating the true spirit of the Southern people toward a restored union of the country and the Flag.

Their membership comprises ex-Confederate Veterans with their sons and other younger men who have united with them since the War.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIFTH

Impressive services were held at Sears Chapel, Brookline, conducted by the Rev. Thomas Van Ness, a Kinsley Associate.

The edifice was handsomely decorated with flowers and flags, and a feature of the service was the singing of the Sunday-school children under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Wiswell.

The speaker took for his subject "The New Disunion to be Feared." He said in part: —

"A half century ago the call came to those in the South to be loyal to the declaration of rights; to you here in the North the call came to be loyal to the sense of duty — duty to a Union which, whether for the temporary adversity of one part and the prosperity of another part, must nevertheless be continued.

"We are glad to-day that the great conflict of rights *vs.* duties is settled, at least politically; we are glad, Southerner as well as Northerner, that the question of political union is decided forever and that the United States is a nation.

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"But this imperativeness of duty, is it generally recognized? Do the many foreign-born here in America recognize it? Do our own sons and grandsons acknowledge it? Or, is there not now a new insistence upon rights? Look about you and tell me are we not threatened with a new form of disunion, one which shall cleave asunder class from class — the inhabitants of the same State, even those of the same city — and bring upon us all greater evils than those feared a half century ago.

"To-day there are Socialistic speakers and labor agitators who in their earnestness of speech remind us of the former Southern political constitutionalist and pamphleteer. These men are telling the masses that they cannot hope to establish the ideal Commonwealth under present economic conditions. 'Only when each man in the community,' they assert, 'is allowed his proper rights can we hope to see justice and peace reign supreme.'

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"The emphatic insistence on rights is leading to disunion; it is breaking up communities into parts each with its own petty special interests; it is threatening the United States with a new sectionalism, worse even than the old political sectionalism which was so great a menace a half century ago.

"Club is arrayed against association, union against industrial workers, federation over against employers' organization. New watchwords are heard and new mottoes and symbols are taking the place of those large and inclusive ones which we call American, which represent Unity and Brotherhood and Patriotism."

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY UNITE TO HONOR THE SOLDIER DEAD

Upon the invitation of Post No. 113 the Old Guard of Atlanta, Georgia, united with the Post in the impressive services of Memorial Day, May 30.

It is believed to be the first time — certainly in New England — that any military body from a Southern State, commanded by an ex-Confederate officer and with ex-Confederates in its ranks, has paraded with and united in the full exercises and ceremonies of Memorial Day with a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The visiting organization arrived in Boston the evening of May 28 and was received by a committee of the Post and delegations from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and the Boston Light Infantry. They were entertained the 29th by the two latter bodies, and on the 30th they were the guests of the Post for the remainder of their stay in the city.

OFFICERS OF THE OLD GUARD, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

JOSEPH F. BURKE, *Colonel.*
E. J. SPRATLING, *Captain and Adjutant.*
A. McD. WILSON, *Captain and Commissary.*
BOLLING H. JONES, *Captain and Quarter-Master.*
W. S. ELKIN, *Captain and Surgeon.*

STAFF

W. M. CRUMLEY, *Captain* — LOUIS GHOLSTIN, *Colonel*
DR. E. L. CONNALLY — BENJ. B. CREW

First Company		*Second Company*	
GEORGE M. NAPIER	*Captain*	P. J. COOLEDGE	*Captain*
CHARLES B. BYRD	*First Lieut.*	P. F. CLARKE	*First Lieut.*
J. W. MURRELL	*Second Lieut.*	A. H. DAVIS	*Second Lieut.*

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF

BEN LEE CREW	*Color Sergt.*	E. L. BERGSTROM	*Color Corp.*
F. T. RIDGE	*Color Sergt.*	W. P. ANDREWS	*Color Corp.*

NON-COMMISSIONED LINE OFFICERS

W. E. HANCOCK	*1st Sergt. 1st Co.*	W. O. WILSON	*2d Sergt. 1st Co.*
H. JONES	*1st Sergt. 2d Co.*	F. M. BERRY	*2d Sergt. 2d Co.*

CEREMONIES MEMORIAL DAY

Line was formed at Post headquarters at 9 A.M. in the following order, viz.: —

Detail of Police. Coast Artillery Corps Band, W. A. Cushing, Leader. Escort, Second Company Coast Artillery Corps, Captain Albert S. Kendall, commanding. Boston Light

Infantry Veteran Corps, Captain Charles H. Lake, commanding. Old Guard of Atlanta, Georgia, Colonel Joseph F. Burke, commanding. The Post Commander, Staff and Honorary Staff. Post No. 113, First Company, Senior Vice-Commander James M. Simpson, commanding. Second Company, Junior Vice-Commander, Frank E. Orcutt, commanding. Kinsley Associates, Captain Albert A. Gleason, commanding. Comrade Past Commander George F. Hall was Chief of the Post Commander's Staff, and Comrades Past Commanders Nathaniel Wales and Bowdoin S. Parker were personal Aides of Colonel Joseph F. Burke.

The line of march was first taken to the State House, where in the Hall of Flags an address and invocation was made by Kinsley Associate, the Rev. Thomas Van Ness. The march was then taken up to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Common, where the customary decorative G. A. R. service was performed by the Post; following which, Colonel Burke placed a large wreath of Georgia laurel inscribed "Old Guard, Atlanta, Georgia," at the base of the monument, and each of the visiting members advanced and deposited a similar smaller wreath; later the ladies of the Southern members completed the decoration by placing flowers about the monument.

The service was very effective and beautiful. It was witnessed by a large number of our citizens.

The march was then resumed to Tremont Temple, which was reached at 10 o'clock. The spacious auditorium was crowded to the doors, while the upper balconies were radiant with eager faces of the more than one thousand public school children, each of whom had a flag; most of the girls were dressed in white. The "Old Guard," Post and escort took seats in a space reserved for them in the centre on the main floor. The usual order of exercises was generally observed.

The musical service was arranged under the supervision of Mr. James M. McLaughlin, of the Kinsley Associates, Director of Music of the City of Boston, and rendered by the Lowell Orchestral Club, Mr. William Lester Bates, Conductor, and a chorus of one thousand pupils under the direct superintendence of Mr. B. Harold Hamblin, Conductor. The seating and control of this chorus of pupils were in the hands of Mr. Joseph A. Reddy, Principal of the Oliver Wendell Holmes School.

Pupils in the chorus were from the following Boston public schools: Abraham Lincoln, Bowdoin, Henry Grew, Hugh O'Brien, John Winthrop, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Phillips Brooks and Roger Wolcott.

Coast Artillery Corps Band, Mr. W. A. Cushing, Leader.

The vocal and instrumental selections were given in perfect unison, with a sweetness of harmony and tone never excelled upon such an occasion.

The wonderful system of musical training as shown by the results, due to the work of Mr. McLaughlin and his able assistants, was indeed a revelation to all privileged to listen to the pupils' remarkable efforts.

The following selections were specially noteworthy, viz.: "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," by boys of the Abraham Lincoln School, with chorus by the pupils of the public schools; Military March, "Spirit of Independence," by the Lowell Orchestra Club; "The Lost Chord," by orchestra and organ; "The Twenty-third Psalm" (Mendelssohn), by chorus of pupils.

ADDRESS BY COMMANDER ALEXANDER M. FERRIS

Commander Ferris in his opening address well expressed the spirit of the occasion. He said in part: —

"Another year has passed, and again we have assembled on Memorial Day, to pay our annual tribute of love to the memory of our departed Comrades, and so far as it lies in our power, to inculcate lessons of patriotism in the younger generations; to inspire in the hearts of our adopted countrymen respect and love for the flag which our forefathers unfurled, and which led us, in its defence, into the field of civil strife, and on to battlefields that brought suffering and sorrow to every fireside in our land; to extend to all who now live under its folds the hand of friendship and brotherly love, without hypocrisy, pretence or untruth; with a prayer that the intelligence and wisdom of our people may overcome the tyranny of ignorance, and control the spirit of unrest that is to-day beclouding our fair land; so that our flag may float over a nation glittering with the sunshine of peace and prosperity.

"In the performance of our duties to-day, we have decorated thirteen church and school tablets, five statues, the Soldiers' Monument on the Common and one hundred and ninety-seven graves. The names of ten more Comrades of our Post have been added to the long and silent roll since our last Memorial Day.

"This number, 197, includes not only the grave of Mrs. Harrison Gray

Otis, who gave so many of us that little bag containing needles, thread and thimble, pins and darnings, when we marched to the front, but also the graves of two Confederate Veterans, John Buck, of the Virginia Black Horse Cavalry, and John F. Pullen, of the 15th Virginia Cavalry, who came among us, died and were buried here far from their homes in the Southland. They faced and fought us, for a principle which they believed to be right, with all the courage of the American soldier. We shall remember and decorate their graves so long as we survive as a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"We recall many noteworthy events and distinguished orators on our Memorial Days of the past, orators from the South as well as the North, and it is with great pleasure that I refer to Gen. John B. Gordon and Gen. Joe Wheeler, and Mrs. Pickett, the widow of Maj.-Gen. George E. Pickett, who thrilled us with her eloquence from this platform on our Memorial Day of 1909.

"To-day we have with us, as our escort and honored guests, a military organization from the South, representing the South of 1861 and of 1913, the Old Guard of the Gate City Guard, of Atlanta, Georgia, having in its ranks representatives of the best intelligence and citizenship of the most enterprising city of the South. On its rolls are found old Confederate soldiers, who fought for their cause, and the scions of these worthy sires.

"As Commander of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, Dept. of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, it is the honor and pleasure of my life to greet and welcome you here on this Memorial Day of 1913. By your presence here with us this day, you have surely filled our hearts with the highest degree of confidence in your patriotism, devotion and sincerity to the unity principles of our forefathers. Your mission of peace and good-will is appreciated, not only by the citizens of Boston, but by the whole people of this Commonwealth."

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

A pleasing inovation was introduced in the recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which for several years had been repeated by a young school lad, but which was this year given by little Miss Julia Landrabbe, apparently about ten years of age, a pupil of the Abraham Lincoln School. She performed this service in a most admirable manner; her voice was full and clear; her enunciation was perfect, and rhythm, pitch and manner were a marvel for one so tiny.

She could be distinctly heard throughout the large auditorium, and was enthusiastically applauded.

ORATION BY HON. WILLIAM A. MORSE

The formal exercises of the day were concluded by an oration delivered by Hon. William A. Morse of Boston and a Kinsley Associate.

He referred at some length to the "Heroes of the War." In eulogizing the deeds of the men of the South, he welcomed the members of the "Old Guard," saying: —

"Your first courageous visit of peace in 1870 elicited the admiration of the cities through which you journeyed to us on your brotherly mission. It was as brave as it was noble. You who had suffered most coming into the heart of New England to show us your good-will, only five years after the war was over, but your call came none too early and most happy and pleasant were its results.

"I offer you the heart and good wishes of not only every Union soldier, but the sincere compliment and regard of all our citizens. As they admired your courage on the field of battle, so they are proud of the energy and success with which you have rebuilded your country. The South went back to homes, sorrowful in defeat and surrounded by destruction and desolation. The North came home, the pride and joy of victory sobered by the sable emblem of woe they found in almost every home, but you were once again their fellow-citizens, and even in that hour they reached out their hands to help you to your feet.

"To you more than to us has been given the problem of the colored race; to us has been given the problem of dealing with many races. One question must be settled now, and in a new way; it is the same question of 'but one flag.' We want every human being, no matter how poor or how ignorant or how unfortunate, to receive the fullest measure of every good thing that they can achieve or to which they are entitled.

"But the red flag, the signal of danger, must not be carried through our streets in a spirit of ridicule or bitterness, or as a menace to our consecrated emblem that stands for liberty, law and order."

At the close of the Temple ceremonies the members of the Post and other organizations retired, quickly forming on Tremont Street, and marched to the American House.

RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON

After a very friendly and social hour together, all repaired to the "Mahogany Banquet Hall," each guest being escorted by and seated at the table with a member of Post No. 113. A handsome and unique booklet was distributed, which contained the menu and also, among other things, a short sketch

of the work of Post No. 113 in the past in inculcating unity of feeling and harmonious citizenship between the estranged sections of our common country; and as illustrating the "113 Idea," were added short extracts of patriotic letters and speeches from prominent men of both sections delivered in connection with former similar occasions. It formed a neat and suggestive souvenir of this very notable Memorial Day. The music was furnished by Daggett's Orchestra.

POST-PRANDIAL

Commander Ferris opened the after-dinner festivities with a brief address of welcome and then presented Hon. Samuel L. Powers as toast-master, who brought to the position a learning, subtle wit, eloquence and charm of manner peculiarly his own. In the absence of the Governor, he introduced Lieutenant-Governor Walsh, who responded in an eloquent speech to the toast of the "Commonwealth." In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor John J. Attridge, representing the city, ably spoke to the toast "Boston."

COLONEL BURKE DECORATED

Captain Morse, the orator of the day, was then delegated by the Commander to apprise Colonel Burke that he had been made a Life Honorary Member of the Kinsley Associates, auxiliary to the Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, by a unanimous vote of the Post, and to present and pin upon his breast the gold badge of an Associate member. In graceful and fraternal words the badge was presented and pinned upon the breast of the white dress military coat of Colonel Burke, amid the greatest enthusiasm. The ex-Confederate officer was deeply affected and said, "And but fifty years ago the strong men of the South and the North waged bitter war against each other."

SPEECH OF COLONEL JOSEPH F. BURKE

In responding to the honor conferred upon him he said, in part: —

"Why was it, gentlemen, that the Gate City Guards of Georgia came to Boston thirty-four years ago? Was it because we were cringing to a victor in order that thrift might follow folly? No,

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gentlemen, we came as man to man for the one glorious purpose of aiding in further uniting the Union.

"That our motives were not misunderstood is evidenced by your presenting this medal to me this afternoon.

"But there are things I want you to learn of the South. I want you to learn of a portion of our history more harassing than the awful war itself.

"When that awful struggle came to a close your Northern air was filled with cries of joy and thanksgiving. You Northern men marched back to your homes, and the streets were filled with people and there was celebration in your homecoming. Your cannon were speaking in salute the happiness of your people. On the other hand, the Southern soldier was penniless and in rags. Week after week he trudged many weary miles looking for the place he had once called home, and for months he was forced to hunt for his wife and children who had been forced to wander far from their original hearthside by the ravages of war. Our whole world was destroyed. No words of criticism passed the lips of our great commander. There were no illuminations to welcome him home.

"And we had all been fighting for principles we had honestly believed in. The question had been decided and had been accepted in good faith. The Union was restored. We surrendered like men.

"It has often been said that we were fighting for the perpetuation of slavery. This was not so. We were simply fighting for our right to keep slaves if we wanted to. We were fighting for State rights — rights to be allowed to make our laws for our particular States.

"Slavery was not the cornerstone of the secession movement. Only five per cent of the Southerners kept slaves at that time.

"We were taxed by the government without representation — the same principle which caused our American Revolution. We honestly believed we were right. Thirty-four years ago there was much talk of bitterness between our factions. I did not believe it, and with the approval of the men who fought with me in the Confederate army the trip of the Gate City Guards was proposed to the North to determine the question. From the start we found that the Northern people were not bitter against us; to the contrary, they stood for a solidified union forever. A generation has passed and we have come again. Gentlemen, the American flag is destined — mind you, I say destined — to forever float on high, for if we couldn't tear it down in four years, no one can."

The time allotted to this function having expired, it closed by all joining hands and singing the good old familiar refrain, "Auld Lang Syne." Line was immediately formed and the "Old Guard" escorted by the military companies and the Post marched to the South Station; where, after most cordial expressions of pleasure and satisfaction by the Southern Veterans and

friends and with the best of wishes of their Northern Comrades, they entrained and departed upon their homeward journey.

Colonel Arnold A. Rand, Commander Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; Dr. Franklin B. Dyer, Superintendent of the Public Schools; Hon. Samuel J. Elder; Hon. Wilmot R. Evans and others were present as guests of the Post during the day.

PRESS COMMENTS

A few extracts from the daily press very well represent the public interest manifested in the visit of the "Old Guard" of Atlanta, Georgia, and the entertainment and welcome given them by the Post.

From the *Evening Record:* —

"Another Memorial Day has passed into history, and the day after finds thoughtful men and women a bit sad at the gaps in the Grand Army ranks, grown wider since a year ago. But the 'boys' marched past, they will march past next year, and they will march past always, while the human heart here in this free country beats with the blood of grateful patriotism; they will march by, though the last has gone to his reward. There is a lessening of the ranks each year, as we see them, but there is no lessening in the ranks as our hearts know them. The Grand Army will not be forgotten. Its ranks will stay ever filled out in memory."

"These Georgia soldiers are genial companions and good fellows, and their visit has left a warm feeling for these men, some of whom were once arrayed against us in arms. Their gallant commander, Colonel Burke, is a most likable man, and one with broad views, and a heart full of love for country."

From the *Boston Globe:* —

"The beautiful memorial services of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., which have always been a feature of the day in Boston, had a double significance Friday as the comrades had with them the members of the Gate City Guards of Atlanta, Georgia, which is made up of men who fought in the Confederacy from '61 to '65.

"The veterans from the South came specially to perform escort duty for the Post and to participate in all the services of the day, and to be its guests at the luncheon to follow the services in Tremont Temple.

"The Post arranged a most elaborate program, and the reception that the Southerners received in Tremont Temple will be one that will be ever remembered."

"The brotherhood of the North and the South was cemented together more firmly than ever yesterday afternoon at the American House when Colonel J. F. Burke, a former Confederate officer, and commander of the Gate City Guards of Atlanta, Georgia, was made an honorary Life Associate member of Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, by the men he engaged in conflict with during the Civil War.

"Even more impressive was this ceremony than the ceremony of the morning when the visiting Southerners as guests of Kinsley Post decorated the Union Soldiers' Monument on Boston Common.

"The Georgians left Boston for home on the 6 o'clock train last night after the closing event of the day, a rousing banquet tendered them by the Kinsley Veterans."

From the *Boston Herald:* —

"Boston paid tribute yesterday to that great 'Army of the Dead' which, in life, made the nation one.

"From early morning until nightfall those veterans of the fast-waning Grand Army of the Republic and members of many other organizations — patriotic, military, civic and religious — did honor to the heroes of the nation's wars."

"And yesterday was a historic Memorial Day for Boston. For the first time in many years the South joined with the North in its tribute. The Blue and Gray marched together, and veterans of 'Dixie,' represented by the Gate City Guard of Atlanta, Georgia, with their wives and children, acted with the G. A. R. posts of this city in laying wreaths and flowers on the graves and statues of the soldier dead."

"Under the two white flags of Massachusetts and Georgia, veteran soldiers of two vanished armies joined yesterday in the solemn duties of Memorial Day. North and South vied in the sad memories of the day in the observances as carried out by Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., in the Hall of Flags at the State House, in Tremont Temple and later at the banquet table in the American House."

From the *Boston American:* —

"Boston's Memorial Day celebration this year was marked by the presence in Boston, for the first time, of forty members of the Gate City Guard of Atlanta, an organization composed of Confederate veterans of the Civil War, with some younger men since taken in.

"The men who wore the 'Gray' in the great struggle joined in Boston with men who wore the 'Blue' in honoring Boston's soldier dead at the State House, on Boston Common and in Tremont Temple.

"It was a striking reunion of the 'Blue and the Gray,' although the Southern guests, as a matter of fact, were officially attired in white flannel coats, blue trousers and bearskin hats.

"Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113, G. A. R., was Memorial Day host for the Georgia visitors."

GETTYSBURG SEMI-CENTENNIAL

The great union of the Blue and the Gray in the fiftieth anniversary of the pivotal battle of the Civil War at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, held July 1 to 5, witnessed a fraternizing of 55,000 veteran soldiers of the North and the South, the like of which the annals of history give no counterpart. Many of the Comrades of Post No. 113 were active participants in that terrible yet glorious conflict of might and valor between American soldiers, and a goodly delegation of members took part in this memorable celebration.

Current thoughts on the semi-centennial: —

From the *Boston Evening Record:* —

"The great week at Gettysburg is closed. The Veterans have gone home. The most momentous anniversary in our national history has been celebrated, and with such success, and such significance, as may stagger the understanding of some older countries. Fifty years is not a long time, as history runs. We believe that to these old men, back on the field of the great battle, the jump back in thought to those stirring July days of '63 was short enough. Yet, short as was the time, and easily as memory slipped back to those war days, the bitterness and hatred of the war had died. These men, some in blue and some in gray, met on the once bloody field, and were stirred by the same sentiments, the love for their country. It is a great event, perhaps taken by the news-reading public during the week in too matter-of-fact a way. As time goes on and as history is written, the meaning of the semi-centennial will be the better gauged. It was a wonderful affair marked by many wonderful incidents."

By Governor Cox of Ohio

"The two armies are now near the great divide — facing the sunset, waiting for the sun to go down. Silhouetted on the evening skies we can see couriers, arm in arm, the blue and the gray, entering the shadows. Let us give to them a message to Grant and Lee, Sheridan and Jackson — to their Comrades beyond the skies — a message that both armies have won their greatest victory and that one flag shelters a reunited republic."

Comrade Martin A. Munroe was called home May 5, 1913.

The remaining events of the year were in full accord with the traditions of Post No. 113 as recorded in the preceding pages.

It is a fitting period to pause and rejoice in the unprecedented success attained.

COMMANDER ALEXANDER M. FERRIS

Service, Civil War.	30th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Provost Marshal; Staff of Major-General William H. Emory.
Service, Illinois State Guard.	1st Regiment Illinois. State Guard. Captain.
Service, M. V. M.	7th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel.
	Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Captain.

Commander Ferris's long experience in military and civic societies, his excellent judgment and that undefinable quality usually denominated "sound common sense," most admirably fitted him for the exacting position of Commander of the unique Edward W. Kinsley Post No. 113.

It was his initiative that resulted in the invitation to the "Old Guard" of the Gate City Guard of Atlanta, Georgia, and to his energy and skill was due the planning and execution of the details of the splendid and historic Memorial services of the present year.

It was an admirable and fortunate circumstance that the closing year of the published record of the Post could exhibit the splendid vitality of the organization, and show the esteem in which it was held for what it has done and what the Post represents. The work of Commander Ferris has redounded to his honor, and the enviable reputation of Post No. 113 has been fully maintained.

THE FORTY-FOURTH POST ANNIVERSARY

While the Post History was in press, the forty-fourth Anniversary was held at Young's Hotel on the evening of November 24, 1913.

The Commander delivered an address of welcome. Comrade Gen. Charles H. Taylor was toastmaster, and, in his own inimitable manner, presented the speakers of the evening as follows: Col. Arnold A. Rand, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion; Hon. Samuel J. Elder; Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, Rector of Trinity Church; Hon. Samuel L. Powers; and Ex-Governor Curtis Guild. The company were charmed by entertaining, witty, and eloquent speeches.

CHAPTER XLIX

Conclusion

A PERUSAL of the foregoing chapters naturally indicates that much of the success attained by Post No. 113 was due to the ability, zeal and faithfulness of its several Commanders; and it should not be overlooked in this connection that they have generally continued their active interest after their several official terms expired.

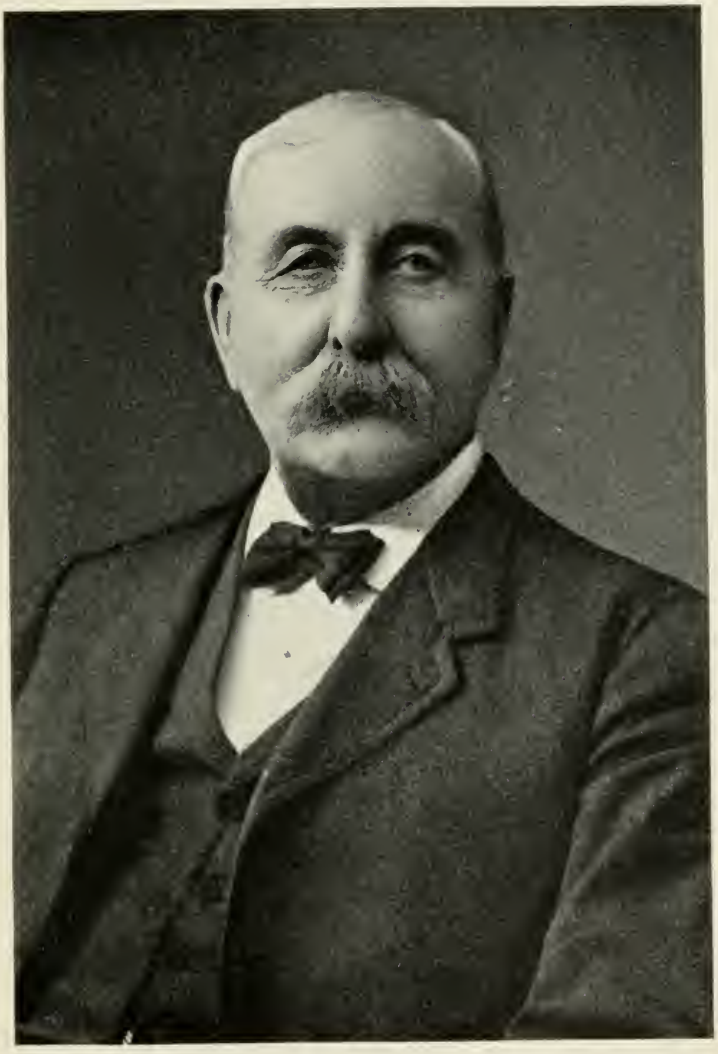
But there are also other causes which have aided in the upbuilding of the organization; among these has been the system of delegating the arrangements of public activities and functions to committees composed chiefly of unofficial members, who have been invested with "full powers," whereby the influence, activity and advice of the representatives of the membership at large have been obtained and a greater feeling of personal and individual responsibility engendered.

This method has done wonders in its practical application. The progress of many another organization has been stunted by the vicious habit of continually making its executive officers a committee to handle and control, in addition to their ordinary duties, the special and public activities of the body, to the exclusion of its unofficial members.

In so far as Post No. 113 has erred in this direction, its power and effectiveness have been checked, and its membership has temporarily lost that acute and lively personal interest which is so essential to the highest development.

No Commander or board of officers can long be officially successful after they have assumed to be, or are practically made, the organization itself.

But there is still another cause which should not be forgotten, and that is the splendid work done by individual Comrades, who have never aspired to the Commandership or perhaps never held any elective office.



JAMES M. SIMPSON
Post Commander-elect for 1914

In a Post having such a distinguished membership of Comrades, all of whom have aided in elevating and sustaining the Post's ideals, it is still fitting that the names of some who have rendered long and conspicuous service should be mentioned.

Only the names of three clergymen appear upon the Post roster. Rev. Edward A. Horton became a member in 1884 and at the election of that year was chosen Chaplain of the Post, his term commencing January, 1885. He has been reëlected to the same position every year since and still holds the office.

A glance at the records shows the many and notable occasions upon which he has represented the Post. No member has so often and for so long a period — except Past Commander Blackmar — been put forward upon public and social functions as the spokesman par excellence of the Post. His activities have brought strength and influential support, while his unnumbered acts of kindness and love to his Comrades and their families, both in seasons of gladness and of sorrow, need no herald. No member has done more to bring honor, renown and respect to the banner of Post No. 113 than Chaplain Horton.

The second clergyman who came later among us was Colonel and Rev. Edward Anderson. He, like Chaplain Horton, has been during the years of his membership a tower of strength as a Post spokesman. His many addresses upon a great variety of occasions have delighted and entranced his listeners. His ready speech and exuberant flow of wit have been the joy of every Comrade. Who can measure the influence of such a man?

The third clergyman to unite with the Post, Rev. J. P. Langley Bodfish, has also rendered efficient service upon many occasions. His papers upon a variety of subjects, delivered before the Post, marked him as a man of erudition, wit and human sympathy.

No one could be more ready to answer any call or perform any service within his power for a Comrade of the Grand Army.

His discharge of the duties of Department Chaplain was an honor to the organization to which he belonged.

Of the general membership, the following names will be recognized as worthy of special mention in this connection, viz.: —

Louis N. Tucker, Solomon Hovey, Jr., Lowell B. Hiscock, Edward J. Jones, Caleb W. Hodgdon, James Bruerton, Frank P. Moss, George E. Mitchell, Edward P. Longley, Silas Sanborn, Myron W. Whitney, Joseph L. White, William H. Fessenden, Otis E. Weld, Charles B. Amory, William E. Murdock, Josiah H. Benton, Charles H. Taylor and Greenleaf A. Goodale.

"Whatever hath been written shall remain,
Nor be erased, nor written o'er again;
The unwritten only belongs to thee;
Take heed and ponder well what that shall be."

— *Longfellow.*

CHAPTER L

Post No. 113 Memorial Day Orators

Year	Names	Where Delivered
1871	Mr. Edward W. Kinsley	Lexington
1872	Rev. William B. Wright	Berkeley Street Church
1873	Rev. William H. H. Murray	Park Street Church
1874	Rev. Henry H. Foote	King's Chapel
1875	Rev. Minot J. Savage	Church of the Unity
1876	Rev. William B. Wright	Berkeley Street Church
1877	Rev. John F. W. Ware	Arlington Street Church
1878	General Horace Binney Sargent	Monument on Common
1879	Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar	Monument on Common
1880	Colonel Thomas W. Higginson	Monument on Common
1880	Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar	Hingham
1881	Commander Thomas R. Mathews	Monument on Common
1881	Governor John D. Long	Tremont Temple
1882	Hon. Charles E. Pratt	Monument on Common
1883	Rev. Edward A. Horton	Second Church
1884	Rev. Brooke Hereford	Arlington Street Church
1885	Rev. H. Bernard Carpenter	Hollis Street Church
1886	Rev. James De Normandie	Church of the Unity
1887	Rev. David Gregg, D.D.	Park Street Church
1888	Rev. George A. Gordon	New Old South Church
1889	Rev. William H. H. Murray	Tremont Temple
1890	Major-General Daniel E. Sickles	Tremont Temple
1891	Mrs. Mary L. Livermore	Tremont Temple
1892	Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D.	Tremont Temple
1893	Brigadier-General Joshua L. Chamberlain	Music Hall
1894	Major-General Oliver O. Howard	Music Hall
1895	Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles	Boston Theatre
1896	Judge Albion Weingard Tourgee	Boston Theatre
1897	Major-General Wager Swayne	Tremont Temple

Year	Names	Where Delivered
1898	Past Commander Wilmon W. Blackmar	Tremont Temple
1899	Major-General Joseph Wheeler	Boston Theatre
1900	Chaplain Roswell W. Hoes, U. S. Navy	Tremont Temple
1901	Brigadier-General Charles H. Grosvenor	Tremont Temple
1902	Brigadier-General Charles P. Mattocks	Tremont Temple
1903	Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D.	Tremont Temple
1904	Rev. Edward Anderson	Tremont Temple
1905	Ex-Governor John L. Bates	Tremont Temple
1906	Ex-Governor John D. Long	Tremont Temple
1907	Rev. Frederick W. Hamilton, D.D.	Tremont Temple
1908	Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D.	Tremont Temple
1909	Mrs. La Salle Corbell Pickett	Tremont Temple
1910	Brigadier-General John C. Black	Tremont Temple
1911	Brigadier-General Horatio C. King	Tremont Temple
1912	Dr. Charles Fleischer	Tremont Temple
1913	Hon. William A. Morse	Tremont Temple

ROSTER

OF

EDWARD W. KINSLEY POST No. 113, G. A. R.

1869 TO 1914

Compiled from the Post Records

‡ **ADAMS, CHARLES CLARK.**

Civil War. 11th United States Infantry. Bugler. In battles of Yorktown, 2d Bull Run, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Shepardstown Ford, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Weldon Railroad, Va.

G. A. R. Post Commander, 1897; Chairman Trustees of Post.

Mustered Out. October 20, 1905.

‡ **ALLEN, WALTER.**

Civil War. 26th Mass. Infantry. Act. Assistant Paymaster U. S. Navy.

Mustered Out. February 7, 1907.

* **ALLINE, WILLIAM H.**

Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, and Siege of Washington, N. C.

M. V. M. 2d Regiment Infantry. Sergeant. 1st Corps Cadets. Corporal; Sergeant; 1st Sergeant; Sergeant-Major; 1st Lieutenant; Adjutant; Captain; Major (retired).

G. A. R. Post Adjutant; Trustee of Post.

* **AMIDON, CHARLES K.**

Civil War. 4th Mass. Cavalry. In battles about Petersburg and Richmond.

* **AMORY, CHARLES B.**

Civil War. New England Guards. 24th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General U. S. Volunteers; Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers for distinguished gallantry in front of Petersburg, Va. In battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne, Tranter's Creek, Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.; Siege of Fort Sumter and Battery Wagner. Charge on Rifle Pits in front of Battery Wagner, S. C.; Drewry's Bluff and Charge on Crater front of Petersburg, Va. Captured at Crater and confined at Danville, Va., Columbia, S.C.,

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members.

and Charlotte, N. C. Escaped and crossed Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains to Union lines.

G. A. R. Chairman Trustees of Post; Member Council of Administration.

* **AMORY, ROBERT G.**

Civil War. 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery. 2d Lieutenant. In engagements of his regiment.

* **ANDERSON, REV. EDWARD.**

Civil War. 37th Ill. Infantry. Chaplain. 12th Ind. Cavalry. Colonel. In battles of Pea Ridge, Mo.; Cairn's Defences, Decatur to Stephensons, Ala.; Fights with Forest and Dick Taylor, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn. Commanded brigade of Cavalry in General Wilson's Corps. Commanded subdistrict of Grenada, Miss.

Ohio National Guard. 10th Ohio N. G. Chaplain; Brigade Chaplain, Ohio N. G.

Loyal Legion. Commandery of New York. Chaplain, 1887.

G. A. R. Commander Joshua M. Wells Post, Columbus, Ohio. Department Chaplain of Connecticut. Chaplain-in-Chief.

§ **ANDREWS, PIERCE J.**

Civil War. 30th Mass. Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant. In battles of Plain's Store, Port Hudson and Donaldsonville, La.

‡ **APPLETON, GEORGE C.**

Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry.

Mustered Out. May 31, 1906.

‡ **APPLETON, NATHAN**

Civil War. 5th Mass. Light Battery. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. Volunteer Aide-de-Camp; Staff of General Wainwright; Commanding Artillery Brigade 5th Army Corps; Brevet Captain U. S. Volunteers. In battles of Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Virginia Central Railroad, Five Forks and Appomattox, Va. Twice wounded.

M. V. M. Staff of Governor Andrew. Captain and Aide-de-Camp; Light Battery A; Captain.

G. A. R. Post Commander 1877 and 1878.

Mustered Out. August 25, 1906.

* **ARMINGTON, ELPHALET I.**

Civil War. 11th Rhode Island Infantry.

‡ **ATTWOOD, CORNELIUS G.**

Civil War. 3d Battalion Rifles, M. V. M, 1861. 2d Lieutenant. 25th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Major; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. Volunteers. In battles of his regiment.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

M. V. M. 1st Regiment Infantry. Staff Governor Rice. Brigadier-General and Inspector-General.
G. A. R. Commander of Post No. 15; Post Commander, 1871 and 1872; National Council of Administration; Quartermaster-General; Adjutant-General.
Mustered Out. January 19, 1888.

* ATWOOD, THOMAS HOLBROOK.
Civil War. 4th Iowa Cavalry. In battles of Little Red River and Siege of Vicksburg, Miss.
M. V. M. 1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Paymaster.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.

§ AUSTIN, JAMES R.
Civil War. 39th Wisconsin Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.

* BALL, BENJAMIN A.
Civil War. 53d New York Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Asst. Inspector-General; Staff of General G. A. DeBussey and of General Harding. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers. In battles of his regiment.

* BARDWELL, HENRY J.
Civil War. 27th Mass. Infantry. Signal Corps U. S. Army; Sergeant. In battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne and Fort Macon, N. C.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Siege of Knoxville, Tenn.

‡ BARROWS, JAMES S.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant; Trustee of Post.
Mustered Out. July 18, 1904.

‡ BARTON, FREDERICK.
Civil War. 10th Mass. Infantry. Captain. Served on Staffs of Generals Lander, Eustis and Edwards. Brevet Major and Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. Volunteers. In battles of Peninsular, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Cold Harbor to Petersburg, Va. Prisoner of War in Andersonville and Libby Prison.
Mustered Out. December 10, 1908.

‡ BELL, JAMES B.
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. July 29, 1894.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **BENSON, ANDREW M.**

Civil War. 7th Maine Infantry. 1st Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant. 1st District Columbia Cavalry. Captain. 1st Maine Cavalry. Captain. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers. In battles of Lees Mills, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Mechanicsville, Golden's Farm, Garnett's Farm, Savage Station, Turkey Bend, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill and Petersburg, Va.; South Mountain and Antietam, Md.; 1st and 2d Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Mine Run, Petersburg and Appomattox, Va. Captured and prisoner in seven prisons and escaped from Columbia, S. C.; travelled nine hundred miles in fifty-six nights to Knoxville, Tenn.

Mustered Out. March 19, 1905.

* **BENT, ORRIN.**

Civil War. 1st Maine Infantry. 17th Maine Infantry. 149th Ill. Infantry. Hospital Steward. In battles of Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg, Va.

* **BENTON, JOSIAH H., JR.**

Civil War. 12th Vermont Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

Vermont Militia. Staff of Governor. Colonel.

§ **BILLINGS, JOHN D.**

Civil War. 10th Mass. Light Battery. In battles of Auburn, Kelly's Ford, Mine Run, Wilderness, Po River, Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna River, Totopotomy Creek, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Jerusalem Plank Road, Deep Bottom, 1st and 2d Reams Station, Boynton Plank Road or 1st Hatcher's Run, Capture of Petersburg, Retreat and Surrender of General Lee at Appomattox, Va.

M. V. M. Staff of Governor Wolcott, 1897, 1898 and 1899. Senior Aide-de-Camp; Colonel.

G. A. R. Commander Post No. 94, 1870, 1871, 1872. First Commander Post No. 186, 1887. Department Commander, 1884.

* **BILLINGS, LEONARD LORENZO.**

Civil War. 29th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. 35th U. S. Colored Troops. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of Fair Oaks, Seven Days' Fight, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Fredericksburg, Va., and many others.

‡ **BIXBY, FRANKLIN G.**

Civil War. 18th Conn. Infantry. Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain. In twenty-two battles. Wounded at Snicker's Ford.

M. V. M. 1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

G. A. R. Post Adjutant.
Mustered Out. July 5, 1911.

‡ BLACKMAR, WILMON W.
Civil War. 15th Pa. Cavalry. Corporal; Sergeant; 1st Sergeant. 1st West Va. Cavalry. 2d Lieutenant; Captain. In twenty-two actions. Received Congressional Medal of Honor.
M. V. M. Staffs of Governors for ten years. Brigadier-General and Judge-Advocate-General.
G. A. R. First Post Commander, 1870; also Commander, 1875; Department Commander, 1902; Commander-in-Chief, 1904–1905. See Sketch, Chapter IV.
Mustered Out. July 16, 1905.

‡ BOARDMAN, CHARLES H.
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Paymaster's Clerk; Act. Assistant Paymaster; served on U. S. Steamship *Fah-Kee*.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster.
Mustered Out. September 18, 1912.

* BODFISH, REV. J. P. LANGLEY.
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Master's Mate. In bombardment and capture of Fort McRae, Pensecola, Fla.
G. A. R. Department Chaplain.

‡ BOUTWELL, NATHAN B.
Civil War. 13th N. H. Infantry. Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. November 13, 1909.

§ BOYD, FRANCIS E.
Civil War. 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery. 2d Lieutenant. 3d Mass. Cavalry. Captain. 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery. Major; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel. In engagements of his regiments.

* BROOKS, GEORGE W.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Musician. 42d Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Whitehall, Kinston and Goldsboro, N. C.

* BROWNE, A. PARKER.
Civil War. 2d Corps Cadets. M. V. M. 1862. 1st Sergeant. 40th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant; Major. In battles of Vienna, Suffolk, Diaseond Bridge and Tylerville, Va.; Fort Wagner and Seabrook, S. C.; Defence of Washington, D. C.
M. V. M. 2d Corps Cadets. 1st Lieutenant; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel.

§ BROWNE, E. P.
Civil War. 4th Rhode Island Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; Major. In engagements of his regiment.

§ **BROWN, GEORGE T.**
Civil War. 14th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.

‡ **BRUERTON, JAMES.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Little Washington, N. C.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.
Mustered Out. January 22, 1908.

‡ **BUMPUS, CEPHAS C.**
Civil War. 4th Mass. Infantry. Captain. 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery. Captain. In engagements of his regiments.
Mustered Out. April 17, 1885.

‡ **BURNHAM, LAMONT G.**
Civil War. 48th Mass. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.
Mustered Out. September 25, 1902.

‡ **BURNS, WALTER.**
Civil War. 5th Conn. Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of Culpeper and Chancellorsville, Va. Twice made Prisoner of War.
Mustered Out. July 12, 1911.

§ **BURRILL, JAMES P.**
Civil War. 3d Company U. S. Volunteers.

‡ **BUSH, FRANCIS, JR.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster.
Mustered Out. September 16, 1874.

* **BUTLER, HENRY H.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.

* **BUTLER, HERBERT J.**
Civil War. 46th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.

* **BUTLER, JOHN GAZZAM.**
Civil War. Graduate of West Point. 4th Artillery. U. S. Army. 2d Lieutenant. In Campaign of Chattanooga, Battle of Chickamauga, Siege, etc., Tenn. Brevet 1st Lieutenant. U. S. Army, September 20, 1863. Transferred to Ordnance Department. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel; Colonel; Brigadier-General, U. S. Army. Retired, January 22, 1904.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

§ CALDWELL, GEORGE H., M.D.
Civil War. 11th Maine Infantry. Quartermaster Sergeant; Asst. Adjutant-General, 1st Division, 2d Corps. In battles of his Division.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.

§ CANNING, SAMUEL, JR.
Civil War. 33d Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

§ CARPENTER, GEORGE N.
Civil War. 8th Vermont Infantry. Sergeant-Major; Captain. In battles of his regiment.

‡ CARRUTH, RUSSELL.
Civil War. 53d Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. In engagements about and at Siege of Port Hudson, La.
Mustered Out. February 11, 1892.

* CARTER, JAMES L.
Civil War. 19th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. 104th U. S. Colored Troops. 1st Lieutenant.
M. V. M. 1st Corps Cadets. Naval Battalion. Lieutenant Junior Grade; Lieutenant-Commander. Staff Governor; Colonel and Asst. Inspector-General; Brigadier-General and Inspector-General.

‡ CARTWRIGHT, JAMES W.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Corporal; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. 56th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. In battles of Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Petersburg Mine, Poplar Springs Church, Hatcher's Run, Capture of Petersburg and Appomattox, Va. Wounded.
Mustered Out. October 14, 1910.

§ CHAMBERLAIN, CHARLES W.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of his regiment.

* COLBY, HARRISON GRAY OTIS.
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Rear-Admiral (retired).

§ COLLINGS, RICHARD.
Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

§ COOK, CHARLES E.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. 5th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of his regiments.

* COOK, CHARLES M.
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

* **COOK, JOHN C.**
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.; Siege of Charleston and Assault on Wagner, S. C.; Deep Run, Fussel's Mills, Drewry's Bluff, Deep Bottom and Siege of Petersburg, Va.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1901. Adjutant; Chairman Council of Administration.

‡ **COOK, JOHN H.**
Civil War. 10th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. 57th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. 3d Mass. Battalion Rifles. In many battles.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1892.
Mustered Out. August 19, 1892.

§ **COOK, WILLIAM.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Ensign.

‡ **CROSBY, STEPHEN M.**
Civil War. U. S. Army. Paymaster. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. Volunteers.
Mustered Out. August 31, 1909.

* **CURTIS, GEORGE E.**
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. 60th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston and other engagements in N. C.

‡ **DALTON, SAMUEL.**
Civil War. 14th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In many engagements.
M. V. M. 2d Corps Cadets. Captain; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel; Staff of Nine Governors; Colonel and Inspector of Ordnance; Brigadier-General; Major-General and Adjutant-General.
Mustered Out. October 18, 1906.

‡ **DAVIS, CHARLES GRIFFIN.**
Civil War. 1st. Mass. Cavalry. Sergeant; 1st Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Major. In many battles. Wounded at Kelly's Ford, 1863. Captured at battle of Aldie, Va. Taken to Libby Prison. After many removals finally escaped to Union Lines, November, 1864.
Mustered Out. December 30, 1912.

‡ **DAVIS, JAMES T.**
Civil War. 38th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant; Sergeant-Major; 2d Lieutenant; Captain; Brevet Major. In battles of Cane River, Mansura Plains, Assault on Port Hudson, La. Wounded at Winchester, Va. Taken prisoner.
Mustered Out. February 8, 1907.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **DAVIS, NATHANIEL T.**
Civil War. 1st Mass., Infantry. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. February 1884.

* **DEAN, CHARLES A.**
Civil War. 8th Vermont Infantry. In battles of Raceland, Garoncro, Battle of the Cotton, Bisland, Siege of Port Hudson, Donaldsonville to Bayou La Rouche, La.

‡ **DEE, JOHN H.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Engineer.
Mustered Out. July 2, 1904.

‡ **DENNY, JOSEPH WALDO.**
Civil War. 3d Battalion Infantry. M. V. M. 1861. 3d Lieutenant. 6th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. 25th Mass. Infantry. Captain. In twenty-seven engagements and battles. Chief Provost-Marshal of Department of N. C.; also of the 18th Army Corps; Chief of Ambulances of the 18th Army Corps. Author of history of the 25th Mass. Infantry entitled "Wearing of the Blue."
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1874; Chaplain. He wrote much of the Ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Mustered Out. December 4, 1912, in his eighty-seventh year, being the oldest Comrade of the Post.

§ **DEXTER, A. J.**
Civil War. 11th Rhode Island Infantry.

‡ **DODD, CHARLES.**
Civil War. 3d Battalion Rifles. 5th N. H. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant.
Mustered Out. December 6, 1875.

* **DOLLIVER, JAMES W.**
Civil War. 11th Mass. Light Battery. Sergeant. In battles of Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Bloody Gap, Siege of Petersburg and The Crater, Fort Steadman, Fort Hell, Kelley's Ford, Weldon Road, and the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, Va.

* **DORR, HENRY G.**
Civil War. 14th Ill. Cavalry. Sergeant. 8th Tenn. Cavalry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant. Commissioned Major. Not Mustered. 1st Mass. Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant. Transferred to 4th Mass. Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant. Served on active duty in the field in Kentucky, East and West Tennessee, West Virginia, South Carolina and Florida. In twenty-six battles and skirmishes, including Morgan's Raid, Burnside's East Tennessee Expedition, Siege of Knoxville Fort Saunders, and

Blountsville, Tenn. Captured near Middleburg, Fla., and exchanged at Wilmington, N. C.

§ DOW, STERLING.
Civil War. 6th Maine Light Battery. Quartermaster-Sergeant.

§ DRISKO, EVERARD I.
Civil War. 2d Mass. Cavalry. In battles of his regiment.

‡ DUTTON, SAMUEL L., M.D.
Civil War. 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery. 1st Lieutenant and Assistant-Surgeon. 40th Mass. Infantry. Major and Surgeon; Brigade-Surgeon. In battles of Swift Creek, Drewry's Bluff, Petersburg, 2d Fair Oaks, The Crater, Williamsburg Road, Bermuda Hundred, Chester Station, Va., etc.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.
Mustered Out. May 27, 1910.

§ EATON, GEORGE A.
Civil War. 3d Battalion Mass. Rifles.

* EDDY, D. FRANK.
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. In battles of Galveston, Tex. Prisoner of War for nineteen months.

* EDDY, LEWIS.
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. Musician. In battles of Galveston, Tex. Prisoner of War.

‡ ELLIS, S. CLARENCE.
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery. Captain. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. January 22, 1912.

§ EMERSON, WILLIAM.
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. 35th U. S. Colored Troops. Captain. In battles of his regiments.
G. A. R. A Charter Member of Post.

* EMERY, MANNING.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston and Siege of Washington, N. C.

‡ EVANS, THOMAS C.
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment. Wounded at Kinston, N. C.
Mustered Out. June 20, 1905.

‡ EVERETT, EDWARD F.
Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry. 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery. 2d Lieutenant. In engagements of his regiment.
Mustered Out. September 26, 1899.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **FALES, GEORGE A.**
Civil War. 46th Mass. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.
Mustered Out. May 3, 1906.

§ **FARLEY, JAMES A.**
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.

‡ **FAUTEAUX, LOUIS G. A.**
Civil War. 2d Mass. Cavalry. Act. Quartermaster-Sergeant. In battles of General Sheridan's Campaigns of 1864 and 1865.
Mustered Out. June 1, 1899.

‡ **FERNALD, HENRY W.**
Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.
Mustered Out. March 13, 1913.

* **FERRIS, ALEXANDER M.**
Civil War. 30th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Provost-Marshal Staff Major-General William H. Emery. In battles of Baton Rouge, Clinton, Plains Store, 1st and 2d Assault and Siege of Port Hudson, La. Present at capture of Forts Jackson and Saint Philip, and the occupation of New Orleans, La. Also the preliminary arrangements for the investment of Vicksburg, Miss.
Ill. State Guard. 1st Regiment Infantry. Captain.
M. V. M. 7th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel. Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Captain.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1913.

‡ **FESSENDEN, WILLIAM H.**
Civil War. 1st N. H. Cavalry. Corporal; Chief Bugler; Quartermaster-Sergeant. In battles of Saint John Island and Pocotaligo, Fla.
Mustered Out. August 18, 1896.

§ **FIELD, BENJAMIN F.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. Transferred to Signal Corps. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Little Washington, N. C.
M. V. M. Staff 1st Brigade. Captain and Aide-de-Camp.

§ **FISKE, JEROME H.**
Civil War. 46th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In engagements of his regiment.

§ **FISHER, CALVIN G.**
Civil War. 3d Reserve Corps. Mo. Infantry. 1st Regiment. Miss. Marine Brigade. Captain. In engagements of his regiments.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **FISHER, EDWIN S.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. December 1, 1888.

‡ **FISHER, HENRY S.**
Civil War. 12th Mass. Light Battery. Enlisted at sixteen. Was the son of a Veteran.
G. A. R. Commander of Post No. 200.
Mustered Out. July 27, 1912.

§ **FOLSOM, C. W.**
Civil War. 20th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster; Staff Captain. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **FOXCROFT, GEORGE A.**
Civil War. 8th Mass. Infantry. 24th Mass. Infantry. In many engagements.
Mustered Out. May 25, 1907.

§ **FRYE, CHARLES H.**
Civil War. 21st Mass. Infantry. 4th Mass. Cavalry. Captain. In engagements of his regiments.

* **FULLER, CHARLES MASON.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Ensign. Served under Admiral Farragut.

* **FULLER, GEORGE W.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Master's Mate. South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

‡ **GALUCIA, WARREN B.**
Civil War. 18th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant; 1st Sergeant. 56th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain. In battles of Yorktown, Gaines Mills, Hanover Court House, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Bethesda Church, Tolopotomy, Petersburg and Hatcher's Run, Va. Twice wounded and prisoner in Libby and Belle Isle.
Mustered Out. November 26, 1902.

§ **GARDINER, R. S.**
Civil War. 10th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

§ **GARFIELD, W. H.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Mate; Act. Volunteer-Lieutenant.

‡ **GASKIN, EDWARD F.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Landsman; Paymaster's Steward. Served in East Gulf Squadron.
Mustered Out. July 11, 1911.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **GELRAY, JOSEPH W.**
Civil War. 2d Mass. Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. 57th Mass. Infantry. Captain. 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery. Major. 59th Mass. Infantry. Commissioned Colonel. Not Mustered. 45th U. S. Infantry. Captain. Brevet Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. Army. In battles of Cedar Mountain, Md.; Gettysburg, Pa.; and many others. Retired for loss of right arm and wounds.
Mustered Out. March 10, 1900.

* **GERRISH, JAMES R.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of Blackburn's Ford, 1st Bull Run, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Glendale and Malvern Hill, Va.

* **GOLDSMITH, SANFORD K.**
Civil War. 13th Mass. Infantry. 59th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Brevet Captain; Captain. In battles of 2d Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Va.; Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Explosion of the Mine, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run, Fort Steadman and Petersburg, Va. Wounded and taken prisoner at Gettysburg.

§ **GOLDTHWAIT, JAMES A.**
Civil War. 23d Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster. U. S. Army. Brevet Major.

* **GOODALE, GREENLEAF A.**
Civil War. 6th Maine Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant. 77th U. S. Colored Troops. 1st Lieutenant; Captain, 1864. Brevet Captain U. S. Army, 1867. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers, 1865. 23d U. S. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant, 1866; Captain, 1878; Major, 1898. 3d U. S. Infantry. Lieutenant-Colonel, 1899. 17th U. S. Infantry. Colonel, 1901. Brigadier General U. S. Army (retired, 1903). In battles of Peninsular Campaign, 1862, Lees Mills, Siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Golden's Farm, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, 2d Fredericksburg, Charge of Mary's Heights, May 3, 1863, Culpeper Court House, Va., and Gettysburg, Pa. From November, 1863, to November, 1866, served in Department of Gulf; in 1877 Indian Wars; in 1899 in Philippines; at Capture of Pumping Station, Marequina River; in fight at Toude Bridge and battle of Calocan; commanded first U. S. Troops on Island of Cebu; also Island of Jolo.
G. A. R. Trustee of Post.

* **GOODRICH, IRA B.**
Civil War. 21st Mass. Infantry. Corporal; 1st Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne and Camden, N. C.; 2d Bull Run, and Chantilly,

Va.; Blue Springs, Campbell's Station and Siege of Knoxville, Tenn.; Wilderness, North Anna River, Bethesda Church, Siege of Petersburg, including the battle of the Mine, Va. Paroled prisoner nearly four months.

G. A. R. Post Commander, 1898 and 1899; Adjutant; Trustee Relief Fund. District Commander 8th District, 1867. Commander Reno Post No. 9., Hudson, Mass., 1867–1868.

§ GOULD, JAMES O.

Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

‡ GRAVES, FRANK W., M.D.

Civil War. 7th Squadron, Rhode Island Cavalry. Sergeant.

G. A. R. Post Surgeon.

Mustered Out. March 13, 1900.

* GRAVES, GEORGE H.

Civil War. 8th Vermont Infantry. Signal Corps U. S. Army. Sergeant. Service in Department of the Gulf, including Siege of Port Hudson, La.

G. A. R. Post Commander, 1904. Trustee Relief Fund.

‡ GRIGGS, E. W.

Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

Mustered Out. March 3, 1903.

‡ GUILD, WILLIAM H.

Civil War. 1st Mass. Cavalry. In all battles of his regiment.

Mustered Out. June 13, 1908.

* GUYER, GEORGE H.

Civil War. 12th U. S. Infantry. Enlisted at age of fourteen years. In battles of 2d Bull Run, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Laurel Hill, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Weldon Railroad, Va. Wounded at Antietam, Wilderness, and Petersburg.

‡ GWINN, THOMAS H.

Civil War. 5th Mass. Light Battery. Sergeant. In engagements of his battery.

G. A. R. A Charter Member of Post.

Mustered Out. December 6, 1869.

§ HALDEMAN, CYRUS S.

Civil War. Captain and Asst. Adjutant-General; Major and Asst. Adjutant-General.

§ HALDEMAN, HORACE L.

Civil War. 20th Pa. Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant. In engagements of his regiment.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

* **HALL, GEORGE F.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, 2d battle of New Berne, Siege of Little Washington, N. C.
M. V. M. 1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Inspector of Rifle Practice; Staff of Governor; Colonel and Inspector Rifle Practice; Brigadier-General and Inspector of Rifle Practice.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1891; Department Judge-Advocate; Member Council of Administration.

‡ **HALLADAY, CHARLES S.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. Assistant Paymaster.
Mustered Out. June 13, 1907.

* **HALLETT, DANIEL B.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. Master's Mate; Act. Ensign. In South Atlantic Squadron.

* **HANSON, CHARLES P.**
Civil War. 13th N. H. Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant. In battles of Fredericksburg, Siege of Suffolk, Raid on Richmond, Magnolia Springs, Drewry's Bluff and Fair Oaks, Va.

‡ **HARRINGTON, FREDERICK A.**
Civil War. 4th Mass. Infantry. Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. August 3, 1907.

‡ **HARRINGTON, SAMUEL.**
Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Aide-de-Camp; Commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel. Not Mustered. In battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, Port Walthall, Arrowsfield Church, N. C.; Drewry's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Wise's Fork and others, Va.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1894.
Mustered Out. October 5, 1895.

‡ **HARRIS, JAMES G.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Yeoman; Captain's Clerk. In battle of Skull Creek, S. C.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1896; Adjutant.
Mustered Out. May 20, 1899.

§ **HASKELL, JAMES A.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

§ **HASSELTINE, FRANCIS S.**
Civil War. 3d Maine Infantry. Captain. 13th Maine Infantry. Major; Lieutenant-Colonel. In battles of his regiment.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

* **HATHAWAY, GEORGE H.**
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. With Quartermaster's Department at Siege of Petersburg, Va.

‡ **HAWKINS, GARDNER C.**
Civil War. 3d Vermont Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of Petersburg and others in Va. Wounded. Received Congressional Medal of Honor.
M. V. M. Staff of Governor; Colonel.
Mustered Out. December 16, 1913.

§ **HAYNES, JOHN P.**
Civil War. 51st Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In engagements of his regiment.

§ **HEATH, BENJAMIN, JR.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Mate.

§ **HEBBARD, E. W.**
Civil War. 3d N. H. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

§ **HEMMENWAY, B. E.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Boy and Landsman.

§ **HENCK, E. W.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Captain's Clerk; Mate.

‡ **HENRY, GEORGE E.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain. 14th Veteran Reserve Corps. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant. Brevet Captain and Major U. S. Volunteers. Provisional Brigade Garrison; Aide-de-Camp; Asst. Adjutant-General. In battles of Blackburn's Ford, 1st and 2d Bull Run, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Bristow Station, and Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Wilderness and Spottsylvania, Va. Thrice wounded.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1903.
Mustered Out. December 31, 1907.

§ **HENRY, SAMUEL C.**
Civil War. 14th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.

* **HERSEY, ALBERT WATSON.**
Civil War. 51st Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.
M. V. M. Militia Company District No. 186. Captain. 1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Paymaster and Mustering Officer; Captain Company D.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1879 and 1880; Chairman Trustees Relief Fund.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

§ **HERVEY, SAMUEL B.**
Civil War. 14th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.

§ **HILL, V. H.**
Civil War. 3d N. H. Infantry. Captain and Aide-de-Camp. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **HILTON, JAMES M.**
Civil War. 11th Mass. Light Battery. In battles of his battery.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster.
Mustered Out. September 12, 1908.

‡ **HISCOCK, LOWELL B.**
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. 35th U. S. Colored Troops. Captain. In battles of his regiments.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster.
Mustered Out. March 5, 1893.

‡ **HODGDON, CALEB W.**
Civil War. 14th N. H. Infantry. Captain. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.
Mustered Out. July 4, 1903.

§ **HOLLIS, GEORGE W.**
Civil War. 8th Mass. Light Battery. In battles of his battery.

‡ **HOLLIS, J. EDWARD.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Captain's Clerk.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1871 and 1876. Chairman Trustees Relief Fund.
Mustered Out. January 20, 1899.

* **HOLTON, EUGENE A.**
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. Drummer.

* **HOOPER, ARTHUR.**
Civil War. 3d Mass. Infantry. Commissary-Sergeant. 58th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.; Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, Va.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster; Member Council of Administration.

* **HOPKINS, CHARLES A.**
Civil War. 8th N. Y. Infantry. 13th N. J. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant; Captain. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers. In battles of Bull Run, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa., Sherman's March to the Sea and Savannah to Washington.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

§ **HORTON, ALBERT.**
Civil War. 11th U. S. Infantry. Drummer; 1st Class Musician.

* **HORTON, REV. EDWARD A.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Landsman; Hospital Steward. In battles of Attacks on Forts Sumter and Wagner, S. C.; Destruction of Privateer *Nashville*, with South Atlantic Squadron.
M. V. M. 1st Battalion Cavalry. Chaplain. 1st Regiment Heavy Artillery. Chaplain. Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Chaplain.
G. A. R. Post Chaplain; Department Chaplain.

§ **HOUGHTON, BRYAN R.**
Civil War. Berdan's Sharp-shooters. 13th Veteran Reserve Corps. Corporal; 1st Sergeant; Commissary-Sergeant.

‡ **HOVEY, SOLOMON, JR.**
Civil War. 21st Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Commissioned Major and Lieutenant-Colonel. Not Mustered. U. S. Veteran Volunteers. Captain. In many battles.
Mustered Out. October 21, 1884.

§ **HOWARD, CHARLES R.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. Assistant Paymaster.

* **HOWARD, DAVIS W.**
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. Headquarters Clerk for Military Governor of Alexandria, Va.

* **HOWE, BENJAMIN S.**
Civil War. 22d Mass. Infantry. At Siege of Yorktown, Va.

‡ **HOWLAND, CHARLES C.**
Civil War. 13th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain. 38th Mass. Infantry. Captain. In battles of Rapidan, Thoroughfare Gap, Bull Run, Chantilly, Winchester, Fisher Hill and Cedar Creek, Va.; Mansura, Cane River, Bisland and Port Hudson, La.
Mustered Out. February 24, 1896.

§ **HURD, THOMAS C.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. In engagements of his regiment.

‡ **HUTCHINGS, WILLIAM V.**
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster. Acting Quartermaster U. S. Volunteers; Captain. Acting Chief Quartermaster and Chief Quartermaster 10th Army Corps; Captain. Chief Quartermaster 25th Army Corps; Lieutenant-Colonel.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

M. V. M. 4th Battalion Infantry. Quartermaster. Staff Governor Rice. Colonel and Aide-de-Camp.
Mustered Out. July 26, 1888.

§ **HYDE, GEORGE W.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Acting Master.

‡ **INGALLS, JOSEPH A.**
Civil War. 8th Mass. Infantry. Quartermaster-Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster.
M. V. M. Staff 2d Brigade. Major and Asst. Inspector.
Mustered Out. January 15, 1900.

‡ **IRELAND, WILLIAM CARLETON.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Adjutant's Clerk. In battle of Rawles Mills, N. C.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1895.
Mustered Out. June 29, 1895.

* **IRVIN, GEORGE C.**
Civil War. 29th Maine Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

* **JACKSON, WILLIAM H.**
Civil War. 2d Battalion Rifles. M. V. M. 1861. 1st Lieutenant. 13th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. 2d Mass. Cavalry. Major. In battles of Harper's Ferry (near), Bolivar Heights, Dam No. 5, Winchester, Newton, Sugar Mountain, Rappahannock-Station, Thoroughfare Gap, 2d Bull Run, Catlett's Station and Chantilly, Va.
M. V. M. 1st Regiment Infantry.

* **JACOBS, AUGUSTUS.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. 5th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Siege of Washington, N. C.

§ **JANETTE, G. F.**
Civil War. 1st Maine Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant. In engagements of his regiment.

‡ **JONES, EDWARD J.**
Civil War. 11th Mass. Light Battery. Captain. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers. In battles of Gettysburg and others.
M. V. M. Staff 2d Brigade. Captain and Judge Advocate.
Mustered Out. April 15, 1906.

* **JORDAN, AUGUSTUS C.**
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. 43d Mass. Infantry. Commissary-Sergeant. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Blount's Creek, N. C.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

* **JULIAN, GEORGE N.**
Civil War. 2d Mass. Light Battery. 13th N. H. Infantry. Captain. In battles of Vicksburg, Miss.; Fredericksburg, Siege of Suffolk, Kingsland, Walthall Road, Swift Creek, Drewry's Bluff, Cold Harbor, and Battery Five, Petersburg, Va.

* **KENDRICKEN, PAUL HENRY.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. 3d Assistant Engineer, June 20, 1862; 2d Assistant Engineer, September 6, 1863. Resigned, September 3, 1866. Participated in bombardment of Fort Sumter, Morris Island, Forts Wagner, McAllister, S. C., etc. With Admiral Farragut in the Battle of Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1900; Member Council of Administration.

§ **KIMBALL, BENJAMIN F.**
Civil War. 47th Mass. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.

‡ **KINSLEY, ALFRED H.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant. 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Dover Cross Roads, N. C.
Mustered Out. September 5, 1912.

‡ **KINSLEY, EDWARD W.**
Civil War. Confidential Agent of Governor Andrew for Massachusetts; the Post "Godfather."
Mustered Out. December 26, 1891.

‡ **KNIGHT, ALFRED J.**
Civil War. 1st Ill. Light Battery. In battles of his battery.
G. A. R. Member Council of Administration.
Mustered Out. September 15, 1910.

§ **KNIGHT, L. W.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant and Acting Quartermaster.

§ **KNOWLES, HENRY F.**
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **KOPPMAN, DOMINICUS.**
Civil War. 32d Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. January 4, 1900.

‡ **LAKEMAN, MOSES B.**
Civil War. 3d Maine Infantry. Captain; Colonel. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. March 15, 1907.

* **LANDY, LUKE R.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. Corporal; Post Commissary-Sergeant. In battles of 1st and 2d Bull Run, Siege of York-

town, Williamsburg (wounded), Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Gaines Mills, Glendale, 1st and 2d Malvern Hill, Bristow Station, Chantilly, Fredericksburg (wounded), Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa. (wounded), and Wapping Heights, Va.

M. V. M. Superintendent State Arsenal; Captain.

G. A. R. Post Adjutant; Chaplain.

§ **LAURIAT, LOUIS A.**

Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

G. A. R. A Charter Member of Post.

‡ **LAWRENCE, THEODORE J.**

Civil War. 44th Maine Infantry. Corporal. In engagements of his regiment.

Mustered Out. September 18, 1896.

* **LEATHERBEE, JAMES D.**

Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. In battles of Blackburn's Ford, Bull Run, Yorktown, Williamsburg (wounded), Fair Oaks, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Locust Grove, Mine Run, Wilderness and Spottsylvania, Va.

G. A. R. Post Commander, 1912.

‡ **LEE, HORACE C.**

Civil War. 27th Mass. Infantry. Colonel. Brevet Brigadier-General U. S. Volunteers. In many battles.

Mustered Out. June 22, 1884.

* **LELAND, DANIEL T. S.**

Civil War. 12th Mass. Unattached Company Infantry. Sergeant.

M. V. M. 5th Regiment Infantry. Captain.

* **LEWIS, JOHN B., JR.**

Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Siege of Washington, N. C.

G. A. R. Post Patriotic Instructor; National Patriotic Instructor.

‡ **LONGLEY, EDWIN P.**

Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Dover Cross Roads, N. C.

Mustered Out. August 2, 1909.

‡ **LOVEJOY, WILLIAM S.**

Civil War. 41st Ohio Infantry. Musician.

Mustered Out. August 13, 1896.

‡ **MAGNITZKY, GUSTAVE.**

Civil War. 20th Mass. Infantry. 1861. Sergeant. 1st Sergeant. Transferred to 21st Veteran Reserve Corps. 1863. 1st Lieutenant. 20th Mass. Infantry. 1864. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. Brevet 1st Lieutenant and Captain U. S. Army. 1867.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

39th U. S. Infantry. 1867. 2d Lieutenant. Assigned to 14th U. S. Infantry. 1870. Retired (for wounds in line of duty). 1871. Retired as 1st Lieutenant. 1904. In battles of Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Chantilly, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Wilderness, Balls Bluff and Appomattox, Va. Twice wounded.

Mustered Out. September 19, 1910.

* **MARION, HORACE E., M.D.**

Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry. 2d Sergeant. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Little Washington, N. C.

M. V. M. 5th Regiment Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant and Assistant-Surgeon. 4th Battalion Infantry. Major and Surgeon. Staff 1st Brigade. Lieutenant-Colonel and Medical Director.

G. A. R. Post Surgeon.

‡ **MARTIN, JAMES A.**

Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

Mustered Out. March 12, 1887.

* **MATHEWS, THOMAS R.**

Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. In battles of Blackburn's Ford, 1st Bull Run, Siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Peninsular Campaign, Savage Station and Glendale (wounded and left for dead on field). Taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison, Va. Exchanged.

M. V. M. 1st Battalion Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. 1st Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel; Colonel. 1st Brigade. Brigadier-General; Major-General (retired). See sketch Chapter XVII.

G. A. R. Post Commander, 1881 and 1882. Adjutant.

* **MAXHAM, LOWELL M.**

Civil War. 7th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Chickahominy, Seven Days' battle at Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg and Salem Church, Va. (Acting Color Sergeant in the two latter battles), Antietam, Md. Discharged for wounds, August 18, 1863. Awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for Distinguished Gallantry in Action.

§ **MAY, WILLIAM.**

Civil War. 18th Conn. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.

* **MAYNARD, FREDERICK D.**

Civil War. 1st Mass. Cavalry. Corporal. 4th Mass. Cavalry. Corporal. In engagements of his regiments.

* **McCAUSLAND, FREDERICK S.**

Civil War. Enlisted as a drummer boy in the 18th Mass. Infantry, but was not allowed to go on account of his youth. Later served in the 10th Rhode Island Infantry.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

* **McFARLAND, EDWIN C.**
Civil War. 4th U. S. Infantry, 1857–1860. 1st Mass. Infantry. Corporal; 1st Sergeant; Sergeant-Major. 79th U. S. Colored Troops. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. 41st U. S. Colored Troops. Captain. In battles of Blackburn's Ford, 1st and 2d Bull Run, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Glendale, Chantilly, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg and Appomattox, Va. Shot through right groin at Fort Harrison, Va. At Siege of Port Hudson, La., was blown up at the Mine Explosion.

‡ **McMURTRIE, HORACE.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy Engineer Corps. 3d Assistant Engineer; 2d Assistant Engineer; 1st Assistant Engineer; Master.
Mustered Out. December 1, 1881.

§ **McNELLIS, THOMAS.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Engineer.

‡ **MERRILL, CHARLES L.**
Civil War. 19th Mass. Infantry. Veteran Reserve Corps. 2d Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. November 13, 1882.

§ **MESERVE, ISAAC H.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

§ **MESERVE, JOHN L.**
Civil War. 1st Maine Cavalry. 3d Maine Cavalry. Brevet Major. In battles of his regiments.

* **MESSINGER, ELMAR A.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Little Washington, N. C.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster.

§ **MILLAR, LESLIE.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **MILLAR, WILLIAM K.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. August 21, 1892.

‡ **MITCHELL, GEORGE E.**
Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.
Mustered Out. September 11, 1911.

‡ **MOODY, I. WELLINGTON.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Siege of Washington, N. C.
Mustered Out. May 24, 1897.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

§ **MOORE, WILLIAM.**
Civil War. 62d New York Infantry. Captain. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **MOSS, FRANK P.**
Civil War. 49th New York Infantry. In battles of 2d Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Gettysburg, Pa. Captured by Mosby; confined at Belle Island, Va. from October, 1863, to March, 1864, and then at Andersonville, Ga., till paroled November 20, 1864.
Mustered Out. November 8, 1908.

‡ **MOULTON, ORSON.**
Civil War. 3d Battalion Rifles. 3d Lieutenant. 25th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Lieutenant-Colonel. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. United with Post No. 113 at first meeting, December 2, 1869.
Mustered Out. August 31, 1894.

‡ **MUDGE, CHARLES E.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. A Charter Member of Post.
Mustered Out. July 13, 1892.

‡ **MUNROE, MARTIN A.**
Civil War. 30th Mass. Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant. 7th Mass. Unattached Company Infantry. Sergeant. 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery. Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant. In battles of Forts Jackson and St. Philip and Baton Rouge, La.; Siege of Vicksburg, Miss. Enlisted at 16 years of age.
Mustered Out. May 5, 1913.

* **MURDOCK, WILLIAM E.**
Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne, Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.; Siege of Petersburg, Va.

§ **MURPHY, GEORGE.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of his regiment.

§ **MUTH, GEORGE E.**
Civil War. 41st New York Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **NEAL, WILLIAM H.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. December 20, 1907.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **NEALE, OTIS S.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Light Battery. Corporal; Gunner. In battles of West Point, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Crampton Pass, Fredericksburg; Salem Church, Mine Run, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg, Fisher Hill and Weldon Railroad, Va.
Mustered Out. December 13, 1898.

§ **NEWMAN, JAMES W.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Unattached Company Infantry.

* **NIEBUHR, CALEB E.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Unattached Company Heavy Artillery. Senior 1st Lieutenant. 1st Battalion Mass. Heavy Artillery. Captain.
M. V. M. 7th Regiment Infantry. Captain.

§ **NILES, PETER H.**
Civil War. 23d Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. U. S. Signal Corps. 1st Lieutenant.

* **NORTH, JAMES N.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. 36th U. S. Colored Troops. 2d Lieutenant. 1st U. S. Colored Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant. 24th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster. Provost Marshal Bermuda Hundred; Commissioner for Exchange of Prisoners at Aiken's Landing. In battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Yorktown, Richmond and Petersburg, Va.
G. A. R. Member Council of Administration.

‡ **NOYES, BENJAMIN.**
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battle of Galveston, Tex. Taken prisoner.
Mustered Out. October 17, 1904.

‡ **NOYES, DR. NICHOLAS N.**
Civil War. 48th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.
Mustered Out. March 24, 1888.

§ **OAKES, B. FRANK.**
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. 36th U. S. Colored Troops. Captain. 4th Mass. Cavalry. In battles of his regiments.

* **OBRION, THOMAS L.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Landsman; Captain's Clerk. Patrol work off South Carolina and Georgia. Pursuit of privateers in eastern waters.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **O'BRIEN, ROBERT E.**
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In engagements of his regiment.
Mustered Out. June 25, 1894.

§ **ONION, EDWARD M.**
Civil War. 18th Mass. Infantry. Captain. In battles of his regiment.

* **ORCUTT, FRANK E.**
Civil War. 38th Mass. Infantry. 1st U. S. Engineers Corps d'Afrique, afterwards 95th U. S. Colored Troops. 2d Lieutenant. In 1st and 2d Port Hudson Campaigns, La.; Red River and Texas Campaigns. Chief Clerk with Ordnance Officer, Department of the Gulf from November 30, 1864, to May 1, 1865.

§ **ORD, JAMES.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Cavalry. In engagements of his regiment.

‡ **OSBORNE, WILLIAM M.**
Civil War. 23d Ohio Infantry. In battle of Carmfax Ferry, West Va.
Mustered Out. April 29, 1902.

‡ **PAGE, JOHN WARE.** U. S. Navy. Act. Master's Mate. With Farragut.
Mustered Out. December 17, 1910.

§ **PAGE, WILLIAM C.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **PAINE, GEORGE F. D.**
Civil War. 13th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Cedar Mountain, Md., 2d Bull Run, Va. Seriously wounded at Bull Run.
Mustered Out. October 20, 1913.

‡ **PALFREY, FRANCIS W.**
Civil War. 20th Mass. Infantry. Lieutenant-Colonel; Colonel. Brevet Brigadier-General U. S. Volunteers. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. December 6, 1889.

* **PARK, WILLIAM.**
Civil War. 9th Mass. Light Battery. 1st Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant. In battles of Gettysburg, Pa.; Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Bethesda Church, Tolopotomy, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run, Rowanty Creek and Appomattox, Va.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1911.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

* **PARKER, BOWDOIN S.**
Civil War. 52d Mass. Infantry. In battles of Centerville (Irish Bend), Clinton, Jackson, Assault and Siege of Port Hudson, La. Wounded in 2d Assault.
M. V. M. 2d Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant; Captain. Staff 1st Brigade. Captain and Judge Advocate; Acting Judge Advocate-General; Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Adjutant-General; Chief of Staff; Colonel (retired).
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1908; Adjutant; Chairman Trustees of Post; Member Council of Administration; Post Historian; Department Judge Advocate.

§ **PARKER, FRANCIS W.**
Civil War. 4th N. H. Infantry. Colonel. In battles of his regiment.

* **PEASE, ALBION P.**
Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, Deep Gully, Blount's Creek, Batchelder's Creek, and Washington, N. C.; Grierson's Raid, Memphis and 2d Holly Springs, Tenn.
M. V. M. 5th Regiment Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant.
Mo. National Guard. 7th Mo. Infantry. Major.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1910. Asst. Adjutant-General, Dept. Mo., 1882–1885.

‡ **PERKINS, DR. GEORGE T.**
Civil War. 22d Mass. Infantry. Hospital Steward; Asst. Surgeon.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.
Mustered Out. December 7, 1880.

§ **PERKINS, H. S.**
Civil War. 39th Mass. Infantry. U. S. Colored Troops. Major; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel. In battles of his regiments.

‡ **PHILLIPS, GEORGE C.**
Civil War. 10th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.
Mustered Out. September 6, 1887.

* **PIERCE, CHARLES E.**
Civil War. 4th Mass. Infantry. Vol. Militia, 1861. 10th Mass. Light Battery. Sergeant; 1st Sergeant, 1862–1864. In battles of Auburn and Kelly's Ford, Md.; Mine Run, Wilderness, Po River, Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna River, Tolopotomy Creek, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, Va. 20th Unattached Company Mass. Heavy Artillery, subsequently Company D,

4th Mass. Heavy Artillery. 1st Lieutenant; Acting Regimental Adjutant, 1864–1865.

‡ **POND, ALBERT C.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant; Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. March 29, 1896.

‡ **POPE, ALBERT A.**
Civil War. 35th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. Volunteers. In battles of South Mountain and Antietam, Md.; Poplar Springs Church, Fredericksburg, Petersburg, Sulphur Springs, Va.; Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss.; Knoxville, Tenn. Wounded at Knoxville.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1902.
Mustered Out. August 10, 1909.

* **PORTER, JAMES M.**
Civil War. 56th Ill. Infantry. 57th Ill. Infantry. Musician. In battles of Fort Donelson, Pittsburgh Landing and Shiloh, Tenn.

§ **PRICHARD, HENRY M.**
Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. Musician.

§ **PUTNAM, HENRY D.**
Civil War. 51st Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **PUTNAM, JOHN C.**
Civil War. 20th Mass. Infantry. Captain. 1st Veteran Reserve Corps. Captain. In battles of his regiment. Wounded, loss of right arm.
Mustered Out. June 24, 1879.

‡ **PUTNAM, NATHANIEL M.**
Civil War. 13th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. September 5, 1891.

§ **RAND, FRED H.**
Civil War. 4th Mass. Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. 26th N. Y. Cavalry. 2d Lieutenant; Captain. In battles of his regiments.

* **REED, CHARLES WELLINGTON.**
Civil War. 9th Mass. Light Battery. Trumpeter. In all battles of the Army of the Potomac in which his battery was engaged and many others while Acting Asst. Topographical Engineer on Staff of General Warren. Awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry at Gettysburg, Pa.
M. V. M. Light Artillery, 2d Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant. 1st Battalion Cavalry, 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

‡ **REED, JOHN B.**
Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. 1st N. C. Infantry. Captain. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. September 29, 1902.

* **REED, WILLIAM GARRISON.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.

‡ **RICE, EDMUND.**
Civil War. 19th Mass. Infantry. Captain, 1861; Major, 1862; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1864; Commissioned Colonel. Not Mustered. In battles of Spottsylvania, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; and many others. 40th U. S. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant, 1866. Assigned to 5th U. S. Infantry, 1870. Adjutant, 1879; Captain, 1883; Lieutenant-Colonel. Inspector-General U. S. Volunteers, 1898. 3d U. S. Infantry. Major, 1898.
Spanish War. 6th Mass. Infantry. Colonel, 1898.
Philippines. 26th U. S. Volunteers. Colonel, 1899. 2d U. S. Infantry. Lieutenant-Colonel, 1901. 19th U. S. Infantry. Colonel, 1902. Brigadier-General U. S. Army, 1903 (retired).
Mustered Out. July 20, 1906.

* **RICHARDS, CHARLES C.**
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. Corporal. At defence of New Orleans, La. Captured at Galveston, Tex. Prisoner four months.

‡ **RICHARDS, EUGENE H.**
Civil War. 40th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1883 and 1884.
Mustered Out. December 11, 1899.

‡ **RICHARDSON, EDWARD B.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster.
Mustered Out. April 21, 1909.

‡ **RICHARDSON, JAMES M.**
Civil War. 21st Mass. Infantry. Captain. 44th Mass. Infantry. Captain. 12th Unattached Company Mass. Heavy Artillery. 2d Lieutenant. Afterwards 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery. Captain; Major. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. Volunteers. In many battles.
Mustered Out. October 7, 1878.

§ **RICHARDSON, Z. A.**
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

§ **RIDEOUT, W. H. H.**
Civil War. 13th Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

* **RIDGWAY, CHARLES L.**
Civil War. 7th Unattached Company Mass. Infantry.

* **RICKER, OLIVER P.**
Civil War. 39th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant. In battles of Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, and Five Forks, Va. Wounded at Five Forks.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.

‡ **ROBERTS, CHARLES L.**
Civil War. 35th Mass. Infantry. 55th Mass. Infantry. Lieutenant. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. October 12, 1870.

§ **ROBERTS, JOHN H.**
Civil War. 1st N. H. Infantry. Corporal. Signal Corps. Major.

‡ **ROBERTS, WILLIAM C.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. 55th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Brevet Captain. In battles of his regiments.
G. A. R. A Charter Member of Post.
Mustered Out. December 18, 1904.

‡ **ROBESON, ANDREW, JR.**
Civil War. 1st N. Y. Engineers. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers.
M. V. M. 1st Corps Cadets. Corporal; Sergeant; 1st Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain.
Mustered Out. August 18, 1906.

§ **ROBINS, EDWARD B.**
Civil War. 12th Mass. Unattached Company Infantry. 20th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Commissioned Captain. Not Mustered. Act. Aide-de-Camp. 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 2d Army Corps. Provost-Marshal. Brevet Captain U. S. Volunteers. In many battles.
M. V. M. 1st Corps Cadets. Staff of Governor. Colonel and Asst. Adjutant-General.

‡ **ROBINS, RICHARD.**
Civil War. 11th U. S. Infantry. Corporal; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. 39th U. S. Infantry. Captain. Brevet 1st Lieutenant and Captain U. S. Army. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. August 29, 1912.

* **ROBINSON, HENRY H.**
Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry. Corporal (Color-Guard); 1st Sergeant. In battles of 1st Bull Run and Campaign in N. C.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

§ ROGERS, GEORGE R.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant. In battles of his regiment.
M. V. M. 1st Corps Cadets. Corporal; Sergeant; Sergeant-Major; 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Major.

§ ROGERS, HENRY M.
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. Assistant Paymaster.

* ROONEY, PETER J.
Civil War. 13th Mass. Infantry. 1st U. S. Cavalry. 5th Mass. Cavalry. In battles of Cedar Mountain, Md.; 2d Bull Run, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Kelly's Ford, Brandy Station, Upperville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Williamsport, Boonsboro, Falling Water, Chester Gap, Rappahannock and Bailey's Farm, Va.
G. A. R. A Charter Member and Adjutant of Post.

* RUDDICK, WILLIAM H., M.D.
Civil War. 7th Mass. Light Battery. Hospital Steward. In battles of Blackwater, South Quay, Somerton, Providence Church Road, Siege of Suffolk, Va.; Red River Campaign, La.; Land Siege of Mobile, Ala.
M. V. M. 7th Regiment Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Asst. Surgeon. Light Battery "A." 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1906 and 1907. Surgeon.

§ SAFFORD, JOHN B.
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. 3d Assistant Engineer; 2d Assistant Engineer.

‡ SAMPSON, AUGUSTUS N.
Civil War. 4th Battalion Mass. Rifles. 3d Lieutenant; 2d Lieutenant, 1861. 13th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of Cedar Mountain, Md.; Thoroughfare Gap, 2d Bull Run, Va.; Antietam, Ford Damo, Falling Waters, Md.; Winchester and Newton, Va.
M. V. M. Boston City Guards. Staff of Governor Rice, 1876. Lieutenant-Colonel and Asst. Inspector-General. Staff 2d Brigade. Captain and Aide-de-Camp. Staff of Governor Ames. Colonel and Asst. Inspector-General.
G. A. R. A Charter Member. Commander, 1873; Adjutant; Chaplain.
Mustered Out. September 18, 1901.

‡ SANBORN, SILAS.
Civil War. 10th Mass. Unattached Company. 3d Mass. Regiment Heavy Artillery. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In command of Fort Dupont, Md.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

G. A. R. The first Comrade to unite with Post after organization. Post Quartermaster.
Mustered Out. June 14, 1912.

‡ SANDERSON, AUGUSTINE.
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. 16th Mass Light Battery. 2d Lieutenant. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, Batchelder's and Blount's Creek, N. C. Ran blockade to relieve Little Washington, N. C. Provost-Marshal at Beaufort, S. C. On Staff of General Nagle.
G. A. R. A Charter Member. Commander, 1885 and 1886. Chairman Council of Administration.
Mustered Out. January 4, 1909.

* SAVORY, GEORGE E.
Civil War. U. S. Navy. 3d Assistant Engineer.

* SAWIN, GEORGE A.
Civil War. 22d Mass. Infantry. Private. In battles of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mills, Glendale, and Malvern Hill, Va. Wounded and taken prisoner at Malvern Hill. Confined in Libby Prison, Richmond, Va.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1889 and 1890. Chaplain, 1879–1886.

‡ SEAGRAVES, CHARLES S.
Civil War. 25th Mass. Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant; 1st Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. A Charter Member.
Mustered Out. August 24, 1904.

§ SEARS, STEPHEN W.
Civil War. 37th N. Y. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of his regiment.

§ SHATTUCK, F. R.
Civil War. 7th Mass. Infantry. 12th Mass. Infantry. Captain. Signal Corps U. S. A. Captain. In battles of his regiments.

§ SHELDON, HENRY N.
Civil War. 55th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.

§ SHERIDAN, WILLIAM E.
Civil War. 6th Ohio Infantry. Captain. In battles of his regiment.

§ SIMMONS, WILLIAM A.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.

* SIMPSON, JAMES M.
Civil War. 2d Maine Infantry. Corporal; 1st Sergeant. 1st District of Columbia Cavalry. 1st Sergeant. In battles of 1st

Bull Run, Siege of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Gaines' Mills, Malvern Hill, Groveton, 2d Bull Run (wounded) and Chancellorsville, Va. With the cavalry in General Kautz's raid, General Wilson's raid and Sycamore Church, Va. Prisoner of war in Libby Prison, Danville and Salisbury, N. C. In all, seven months.

* SMALL, JOHN W.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Siege of Little Washington, N. C.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster.

‡ SMITH, WILLIAM A.
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. Corporal. 40th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. March 8, 1909.

§ SMITH, WILLIAM P.
Civil War. 5th Conn. Infantry. Sergeant; Sergeant-Major; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant; Captain. In battles of Winchester, Va.; Cedar Mountain, Md. (wounded); Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Resaca, Lookout Mountain to Atlanta, Ga.

§ SMITH, ZIMRO A.
Civil War. 18th Maine Infantry. Afterwards 1st Maine Heavy Artillery. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel. Brevet Colonel U. S. Volunteers. In battles of his regiment.

§ SPAULDING, N. H.
Civil War. 1st Minn. Infantry. 17th Minn. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiments.

‡ SPENCER, CHARLES H.
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Rawles Mills, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro and Siege of Little Washington, N. C.
Mustered Out. August 14, 1912.

§ SQUIRE, A. F.
Civil War. 74th N. Y. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.

* STATES, GEORGE W.
Civil War. 1st U. S. Cavalry. 24th N. Y. Cavalry. Sergeant-Major. In battles of Antietam, Md.; Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Five Forks, Capture of Lee's wagon train and Appomattox, Va.

§ STEVENS, JOHN H.
Civil War. 5th Maine Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiment.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

* **STILLINGS, EPHRAIM B.**
Civil War. 46th Mass. Infantry. 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1905. Chairman of Council of Administration; Asst. Adjutant-General, 1904–1905; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Adjutant-General, 1910–1911 and Member of Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, 1911–1912. See sketch Chapter XL.

‡ **STILLINGS, SAMUEL V.**
Civil War. Washington Light Infantry. U. S. Navy. Engineer.
Mustered Out. February 28, 1897.

* **STORER, NEWMAN W.**
Civil War. 7th Mass. Light Battery. Corporal; Sergeant; Quartermaster-Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; Captain. In battles of Deserted House, Mansura, Spanish Fort and Blakely, La.

* **STOREY, FRED G.**
Civil War. 40th Mass. Infantry. In battle of Suffolk, Va.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.

‡ **SULLIVAN, DR. JOHN.**
Civil War. 2d N. H. Infantry. Medical Cadet U. S. Army.
13th N. H. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Acting Asst. Surgeon.
Mustered Out. February 3, 1908.

* **SULLIVAN, J. HOWARD.**
Civil War. 9th Mass. Light Battery. Corporal. In battles of Gettysburg, Pa.; Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Bethesda Church, Petersburg, Hatcher's Run, Capture of Petersburg and Lee's surrender, Va.

‡ **SWORDS, THOMAS A.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. Assistant Paymaster.
Mustered Out. December 13, 1913.

§ **SYLVESTER, HENRY A.**
Civil War. 30th Wis. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

* **TAYLOR, CHARLES H.**
Civil War. 38th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Bisland and Port Hudson, La. Wounded at Port Hudson.

§ **TAYLOR, CHARLES F.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. Master's Mate.

‡ **TAYLOR, HENRY W.**
Civil War. 3d Mass. Light Battery. U. S. Navy. 3d Asst. Engineer In battles of Gaines Mills, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Fredericksburg, Malvern Hill and Chancellorsville, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Spottsylvania, Va.; and others.
Mustered Out. July 13, 1910.

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§ **THAXTER, SAMUEL.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. In engagements of his regiment.

* **THOMPSON, JAMES.**
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. Quartermaster-Sergeant; 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster. In battles of Roanoke Island, New Berne, Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.; James and Morris Islands, S. C.

‡ **THOMPSON, GEORGE J.**
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. 2d Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster; Captain. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. September 26, 1882.

§ **THURBER, JAMES D.**
Civil War. 13th Mass. Infantry. 55th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain. Brevet Major U. S. Volunteers. In battles of his regiments.

* **TICKNOR, BENJAMIN HOLT.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant. 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery. 2d Lieutenant; Captain. In battles at Siege of New Berne, Dover Cross Roads, Batchelder's Creek. In garrison tours at Morehead City, Fort Macon, Fort Spinola and Fort Totten, N. C.

‡ **TODD, CHARLES R.**
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. Taken prisoner at Galveston, Tex.
Mustered Out. June 2, 1895.

§ **TOLMAN, JOHN.**
Civil War. 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery.

‡ **TOWER, DR. CHARLES B.**
Civil War. 12th Mass. Unattached Company.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.
Mustered Out. May 14, 1909.

‡ **TRULL, EZRA J.**
Civil War. 4th Battalion Rifles. M. V. M. 1861. 13th Mass. Infantry. 39th Mass. Infantry. Captain. In battles of his regiments.
M. V. M. Boston City Guards. 5th Regiment Infantry. Corporal; 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant; Major; Lieutenant-Colonel; Colonel. Staff 2d Brigade. Captain and Aide-de-Camp.
Mustered Out. April 30, 1886.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members § Former members.

§ **TRUMBULL, CHARLES P.**
Civil War. 6th Mass. Infantry. Quartermaster-Sergeant.

‡ **TUCKER, JAMES.**
Civil War. 3d Battalion Rifles. M. V. M. 1861. 1st Sergeant. 25th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Captain; Lieutenant-Colonel; Commissioned Colonel. Not Mustered. Brevet Colonel, U. S. Volunteers. In battles of Roanoke Island, Kinston, Whitehall, Goldsboro, Wise's Forks, N. C.; Fort Darling, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, Va. Wounded at Petersburg.
Mustered Out. November 26, 1910.

‡ **TUCKER, LOUIS N.**
Civil War. 18th Mass. Infantry. Captain; Brevet Major for gallant and meritorious services at battle of the Wilderness, Va.
G. A. R. A Charter Member.
Mustered Out. March 18, 1902.

‡ **TYLER, GEORGE H.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. Corporal; 1st Sergeant. In battles of his regiment. Wounded at Gettysburg, Pa.
Mustered Out. August 17, 1884.

* **UPHAM, HENRY M.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Mate. Served on receiving ship *Savannah;* S. S. *Massachusetts; Mercedita* and *Muscoota.*

‡ **WAIT, JOSEPH.**
Civil War. 48th Mass. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.
Mustered Out. November 26, 1872.

* **WALES, NATHANIEL.**
Civil War. 24th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant. 32d Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant. 35th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant; Major. Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel U. S. Volunteers for conspicuous gallantry while in command of the 35th Mass. Infantry at Siege of Knoxville, Tenn. In many engagements.
M. V. M. New England Guards. 1st Battalion Infantry. Lieutenant-Colonel. 1st Regiment Infantry. Colonel. 1st Brigade. Brigadier-General.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1909.

‡ **WALKER, EUGENE CLIFFORD.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. 2d Mass. Light Battery. In battles of his regiment and battery.
Mustered Out. August 13, 1903.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

* **WALLACE, CRANMORE N.**
Civil War. 43d Mass. Infantry. Special service as Lieutenant and Aide-de-Camp. 42d Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant; Acting Lieutenant commanding his company. Served in the 5th, 6th, 18th and 22d Army Corps. In battles of Whitehall, Goldsboro, Rawles Mills, Little Washington and Kinston, N. C.; Rectortown, Va. Wounded at Kinston.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1893. Adjutant, 1892; Department Asst. Quartermaster-General, 1890; Asst. Adjutant-General, National Encampment, 1894.

‡ **WALLACE, JAMES A.**
Civil War. 44th Mass. Infantry. Corporal. In battles of his regiment.
Mustered Out. November 20, 1903.

§ **WARREN, JOSEPH H., M.D.**
Civil War. U. S. Army. Brigadier-General; Medical Director.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.

§ **WASHBURN, WILLIAM, JR.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. 35th Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant. In battles of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Adjutant.

* **WATSON, JOHN C.**
Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In First Battle of Bull Run, Va.

‡ **WAUGH, WILLIAM WALLACE.**
Civil War. 5th Mass. Infantry. In engagements of his regiment.
G. A. R. Post Quartermaster.
Mustered Out. March 4, 1910.

§ **WEBB, M. E., M.D.**
Civil War. 33d Mass. Infantry. 1st Lieutenant; Asst. Surgeon.
G. A. R. Post Surgeon.

‡ **WELD, OTIS E.**
Civil War. Independent Corps Mass. Cadets. Corporal.
Mustered Out. March 17, 1897.

‡ **WELLINGTON, AUSTIN C.**
Civil War. 38th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sergeant; 2d Lieutenant; 1st Lieutenant and Act. Adjutant. In battles of Bisland, Port Hudson, Cane River Ford, Mansura, La.; Opequon, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, Va.
M. V. M. 7th Regiment Infantry. Captain. 1st Battalion Infantry. Captain. 4th Battalion Infantry. Major. 1st Regiment Infantry. Major; Colonel.
G. A. R. Post Commander, 1887 and 1888.
Mustered Out. September 18, 1888.

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* **WENTWORTH, THOMAS S.**
Civil War. 13th N. H. Infantry. In battles of Fredericksburg, Walthan Road, Swift Creek, or Arrowfield Church, Kinsland, Drake's Bluff, Battery Harrison, Va.; entered Richmond, Va. Twice wounded in 1864.

* **WESTON, HENRY GRANT.**
Civil War. 19th Mass. Infantry. 5th Mass. Infantry. Musician. U. S. Army. 2d Army Corps. 2d Class Musician. In battles of Balls Bluff, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg and North Anna, Va.; Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.

§ **WESTON, JUSTIN P.**
Civil War. 2d Army Corps. Musician. 2d Brigade, 1st Division.

§ **WHALL, GEORGE F.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **WHEELOCK, HENRY G.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant-Major. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C. In 18th Army Corps.
Mustered Out. June 1, 1912.

‡ **WHITE, EDWIN D.**
Civil War. 1st Rhode Island Cavalry. Hospital Steward.
Mustered Out. March 12, 1886.

§ **WHITE, JOHN C.**
Civil War. 17th Pa. Infantry. 21st Pa. Militia. Sergeant. 11th U. S. Infantry. Corporal; Sergeant. 10th U. S. Infantry. 2d Lieutenant, 1864; 1st Lieutenant, 1864. 1st U. S. Artillery. 1st Lieutenant, 1870; Major, 1904 (retired). Brevet 1st Lieutenant and Captain U. S. Army, 1864. In battles of his regiments.

‡ **WHITE, JOHN GREELEY S.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. Corporal. 5th Mass. Cavalry. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. April 19, 1892.

‡ **WHITE, JOSEPH L.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy.
Mustered Out. October 1, 1904.

‡ **WHITNEY, MYRON W.**
Civil War. 45th Mass. Infantry. In battles of Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, N. C.; and others with his regiment.
Mustered Out. September 17, 1910.

* Present members. ‡ Deceased members. § Former members.

§ **WHITNEY, WILLIAM H.**
Civil War. 42d Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

* **WHITTEMORE, JOHN H.**
Civil War. 9th Mass. Light Battery. Quartermaster-Sergeant.

‡ **WHITTINGTON, HIRAM.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Petty Officer.
Mustered Out. January 31, 1905.

§ **WILDE, GEORGE F. F.**
Civil War. U. S. Naval Academy. Act. Midshipman, 1861; Midshipman, 1862. U. S. Navy. Ensign, 1866; Master, 1866; Lieutenant, 1868; Lieutenant-Commander, 1869; Commander, 1885; Captain, 1898; Rear-Admiral, 1904 (retired).
Mustered Out. December 3, 1911.

§ **WILEY, DANIEL D.**
Civil War. 21st Mass. Infantry. Brevet Brigadier-General. In battles of his regiment.

§ **WILLIAMS, CHARLES H.**
Civil War. 7th Maine Light Battery. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his battery.

‡ **WILSON, CHARLES W.**
Civil War. U. S. Navy. Act. Master's Mate; Act. Master; Acting Volunteer-Lieutenant. In battles of Galveston, Tex.; Fort Pickens, Fla.; Port Hudson, La.; and Mobile Bay, Ala.
Mustered Out. May 28, 1903.

§ **WILSON, GEORGE A.**
Civil War. 14th Maine Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

‡ **WILSON, JOHN H.**
Civil War. 1st Mass. Infantry. 31st U. S. Colored Troops. Captain. 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery. 1st Lieutenant. In battles of his regiments.
Mustered Out. July 20, 1870.

§ **WITHERELL, WARREN B.**
Civil War. 16th Mass. Infantry. In battles of his regiment.

§ **WOODRUFF, CARL A.**
Civil War. 2d Artillery. U. S. Army. 2d Lieutenant, 1861; 1st Lieutenant, 1862; Captain, 1869. 12th U. S. Infantry. Captain, 1886 (declined). 2d U. S. Artillery. Major, 1894. 7th U. S. Artillery. Lieutenant-Colonel, 1899. Artillery Corps. Colonel, 1901; Brigadier-General, 1903 (retired). Brevet Captain, 1863; Major, 1864; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1865. U. S. Army. In many engagements.

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‡ **WOODS, EDWIN H.**

Civil War. 40th Mass. Infantry. Sergeant. In battles of his regiment.

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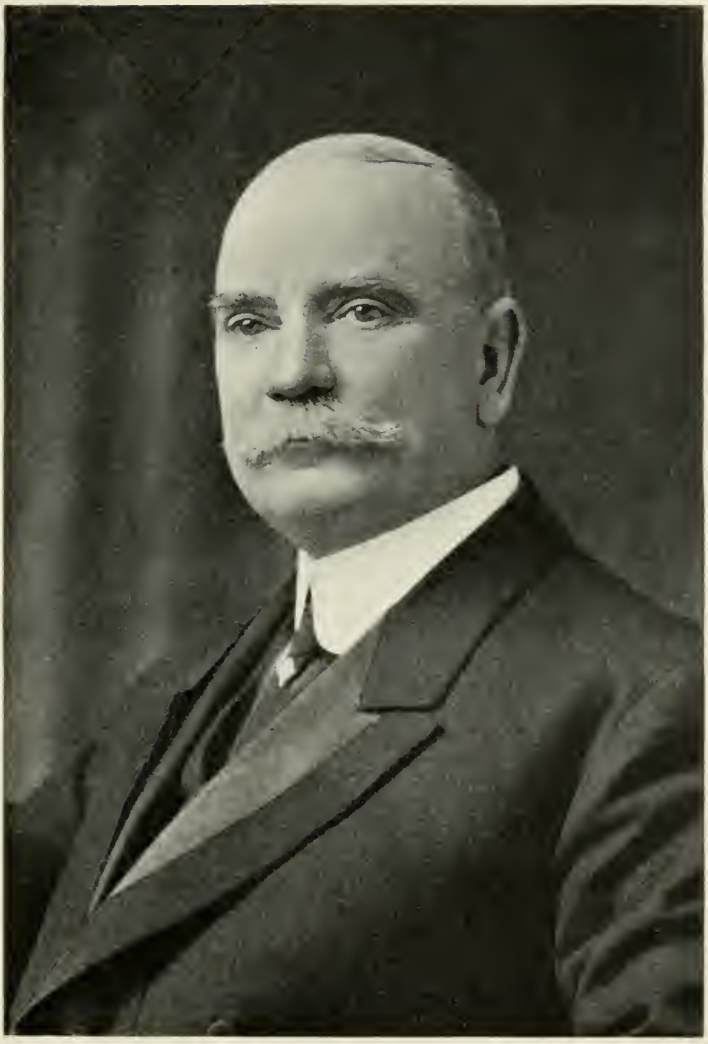

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